Extracts from Town Records

1780
May. 22nd At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford duely notify'd and afsembled on Monday the 22nd of May inst: 2 o'clock P.M. to see if the Town would approve alter or reject the new form of government made by the Convention at Cambridge March 2nd, 1780.

The honorable Rishworth Jordan Esq. Moderator adjourned to Monday the 29th inst: 2 oclock P.M.

Monday May 29th, 1780 - Met according to adjournment.
Resolved that there be a form of Government set up as absolutely necefsary -
Resolved to accept the Form aforementioned with the following alterations on the tenth article of the Second Chapter.
All Military Officers ought to be appointed and Commifsioned by the governor by and with advice of Council except all Aid de Camps ought to be appointed by their own Major generals, Brigade Majors by their Brigadiers or Commandants of Brigades, Adjutants and Quarter Masters by their Colonels or Commanding Officers of Regiments and Commifsioned by the governors with advice of Council for the following reasons:

1st Because they are liable to be under Controul by being dependant on the soldiers for their Commifsions and therefore cannot act free and independent.

2nd Because they are liable to be degraded or superceded in case of a vacancy by the soldiers if they do not act in conformity to their wills and capricious humor without Reason or against Reason.

Jere Hill Town Clerk

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford, qualified by Law to vote in Town Meeting - You are hereby notified to meet at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the twenty-fifth day of December instant at ten of the clock in the forenoon on said day, to act upon the following Articles - viz., to choose a Moderator for the Regulating of sd meeting.
2nd To fee and determine upon what method the Town will adopt for raising ten good & effective Men as continental Soldiers to serve in the Continental Army either three years or during the war, agreeable to a refolve of the General Court

of this State of the Second of December instant.
3rdly To act upon any other matters or method respecting the hiring said men agreeable to said act.
Biddeford Decembr 22nd 1780
Allison Smith) Selectmen
John Dyer) for Biddeford

Biddeford December 25th 1780. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants met agreeable to the foregoing notification and
1st Made choice of Mr. Benja. Nason as Moderator to regulate said meeting.
2nd Voted to raise the ten men.
3rd Voted to hire them by a public Tax.
4thly Voted that Captain Josiah Davis, Captain Jeremiah Cole & Capt. Jas. Carlile be a committee to fee if they can hire the men and make report at the adjournment of this meeting, then Voted to adjourn to the eight day of January next at ten oclock A.M. to meet at said Meetinghouse.
Jere Hill Town Clerk.

1781 At a legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford duly notified and afsembled at the Meeting House in said Biddeford on Monday the eighth day of January 1781 at eleven oclock A.M. to fee if the Town would procure nine thousand five hundred and sixty two weight of Beef or money in Lieu thereof, it being call'd for by an Act of the Great and General Court.
1st Proceded to the Choice of a Moderator and Captain Benja. Hooper was unanimously chosen.
2ndly Voted to raise the money in lieu of the Beef.
3rdly Voted to hire said money and that Mr. Thomas Gillpatrick, Lieut. John Staples & Capt. Benj. Hooper be a committee for that purpose.
Jere Hill Town Clerk.

Monday January ye 8th 1781 met according to adjournment and adjourned to Mr. Thomas Emery's to meet immediately - Voted to adjourn to the first Monday of February next to meet at the Meeting House on said day at two oclock P.M.

Monday February 5th 1781 met according to adjournment. Voted that the Select Men be a Committee to hire the men for the Continental Army,

and that they be impower'd to engage the Men who may inlist in the Service aforesaid ten Silver Dollars each Man per Month - Voted to adjourn to the first Monday of March next to meet at the Meeting house aforesaid at ten oclock A.M.

Monday March 5th 1781 met according to adjournment.

1st Voted to appoint a Committee to hire said Men for the Continental Army.

2nd Voted that Capt. Josiah Davis, Capt. Jeremiah Cole, Lieutenants John Staple, John Poak, and Mr. Andrew Stackpole be said Committee.

3rd Voted that said Committee be impower'd to hire the Men required at their Discretion -

4thly Said Town engages to allow said Committee whatever they engage said Men for the purpose aforesaid with necefsary Charges.

5thly Voted to adjourn to Monday next, the 12th of March inst: to 3 oclock P. M. to meet at the Meeting house aforesaid.

March 19th Met according to adjournment and proceded

1st Voted to give the Reverend Mr. Nathaniel Webster Ninety Pounds in Silver at Six Shillings & eight pence pr. ounce for his last years sallery in lieu of his former Contract.

2nd Voted to raise Ninety pounds in Silver at 6/8 pr ounce for the fole purpose of paying the Reverend Mr. Webster his Sallery from the 14th day of April 1780 to the 14th of April 1781.

3rdly Voted Colo. Rishworth Jordan, Capt. John Patten, Mr. Benja. Nason, Captain Benja. Hooper & Mr. Ellison Smith be a Committee to agree with the Reverend Mr. Nathel. Webster in making some alterations in his Contract at his Settlement.

Biddeford March 10th 1781 : To the Inhabitants in Town Meeting Afsembled:

Gentlemen,

I am requested by your Committee to inform you what fum of Money I shall be willing to receive in lieu of those Articles specified in your contract with me at the Time of my Settlement.

To which I reply -
If it be convenient for the Town to pay me in hard Money I will accept the Sum of ninety pounds in Silver at Six & Eight pence per ounce for my services the year past -
I am yours
N. Webster

Whereas the Town of Biddeford did at their anniversary Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in said Biddeford on Monday the twelfth day of March instant appoint Captain John Patten, Jeremiah Hill Esq. and Lieutenant John Staple a Committee to lay out a Road from the highway near Mr. Christopher Gillpatricks dwelling house acrost the lots to Mr. Robert Cole's Land provided the Owners of said Land will give their Land

We have therefore proceded as follows -

Viz Beginning at a brook a little to the Eastward of Lieut: John Staple's dwelling house on the County Road running North East on said Road Sixteen Poles; thence North forty degrees West forty Seven Poles to near the dwelling house of Mr. Christopher Gillpatricks, thence North Seventy Eight degrees west into the land of Mr. Samuel Davis twenty five Poles, thence a crofs the land of said Davis North twelve degrees West twenty two poles thence the ſame course acrofs Mr. Joshua Hill's land thirty Six poles thence between said Hill's Land and Mr. James Emery's Land north East Twenty Poles, thence acrofs said Emery's Land North eighteen degrees West forty Poles, thence North forty five degrees west Eighty nine Poles to Captain John Patten's Land, thence Sixty Eight degrees west fourteen Poles acrofs said Patten Land to land belonging to the Reverend Mofes Morrill deceas'd, thence North Sixty Eight degrees west acrofs said Morrills Land twenty two poles to Mr. Robert Cole's Land.

John Patten)
Jere Hill) Committee
John Staple)

Know all Men by these Presents that we the Subscribers lawful Owners of the Land within mentioned do hereby give grant & confirm a two Rod Road according to the within proceedings of the Town's Committee to and for the Use of the Inhabitants of said Town, and we do for ourselves, our Heirs, Executors Administrators & Afsigns warrant and secure the same to and for the aforesaid.

In witnefs whereof we have here unto set our Hands and Seals this Twenty first day of March annoque Domini 1781.

Signed Seal'd and
deliver'd in presence of us

Jere Hill
John Staple

Christopher his X mark Gillpatrick
Samuel his ℭ mark Davis
Joshua Hill
James Emery
John Patten

To the Inhabitants of Biddeford in Town meeting afsembled.

Gentlemen,

Whereas a Difficulty arises in afsefsing my Sallery according to your original Contract with me at the Time of my Settlement: I do hereby declare that I am free and willing to accept of Eighty Pounds in Silver at Six Shillings and Eight pence per Ounce Annually during my Ministry in said Town, in Lieu of said Contract.

Yours
Biddeford May 14th 1781 Nathel. Webster

Monday May 14th 1781 2 oclock P.M. - The anniversary Town Meeting met according to adjournment

1 st Voted to excuse Mr. Andrew Stackpole from serving as Constable at present.

II Voted Mr. Shadrack Weatherby Constable.

III Voted to give the Rev. Mr. Nathel. Webster Eighty Pounds in Silver at Six Shillings & eight pence pr Ounce annually during his Ministry in said Town, in Lieu of Our Original Contract agreeable to his Request.

IV Voted to raise Six hundred Pounds to defray the Charges of the Town.

V Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Second Monday of June next at four oclock P.M. their to meet at said Meeting House.

Jere Hill Town Clerk.

At a legal Town Meeting held on Monday the Sixteenth day of July 1781 at 4 oclock P.M. the following Votes were pafs'd.

Viz. 1st Deacon Simon Wingate was chosen Moderator.

2nd Voted to raise one hundred & Sixty three Pounds in order to purchase four thousand eight hundred & ninety eight weight of Beef for the Use of the Army and agreeable to a Refolve of the General Court.

III Voted that Mr. Benjamin Nason, Lieut. John Staple and Mr. Joseph Tarbox be a Committee to purchase said Beef

Attest, Jere Hill Town Clerk.

At a Legal Town Meeting duly notified & afsembled, pafs'd the following Votes:

1 Voted Deacon Simon Wingate Moderator.

II Voted to raise by Tax forty Pounds to hire eight Men to join the Army for three months agreeable to a Requision of the General Court.

III Voted that Capt. Josiah Davis, Capt. John Poak & Lieut. Noah Hooper be a Committee to hire said Men and then voted to adjourn the Meeting to the Second Tuesday of September next a 3 oclock P.M. to meet at sd. Meetg house.

Biddeford August 28th 1781 Jere Hill Town Clerk.

At a legal Town Meeting held at the Meeting house in Biddeford on Tuesday the Eleventh day of September at 2 oc P.M. AD 1781

Deacon Simon Wingate Moderator.

Voted to raise five hundred Pounds in hard Money in Lieu of so much Money raised in last March Meeting to purchase twenty Thousand Six hundred forty weight of Beef which Said Town is call'd upon for by feveral Refolves of ye Genl. Court.

Biddeford Jere Hill Town Clerk.
Sept 11, 1781

Voted to raise 150 L for to defray Town Charges for the year ensuing - Voted to repair the public Highways by a public Tax the year ensuing.
Voted to raise 150 L for repairing the public highways thro the Town of Biddeford for the year ensuing.
Voted a Man who shall work on P. highways 5/4 pr Day, a Yoke of Oxen 5/4 pr Day & 1/4 pr Day for Wheels.

(Town Meeting May 12th 1783)

York fs at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Town of Biddeford qualified as the Constitution directs to vote for the Choice of Governor for the commonwealth of Mafsachusetts at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the Seventh day of April 1783 at three of the clock in the afternoon: the Number of written votes returned are fourteen upon counting & sorting of which in open Town Meeting the whole appears in favor of his Excellency John Hancock Esqr.

Jere Hill Town Clerk

Voted each Man who shall work on the highways 5/4 pr day: each yoke of Oxen 3/4 pr day each pr of wheels 2/ pr day & each Plough 2/ pr day.
(Town Meeting March 14, 1785)

Voted to raise one hundred pounds to provide the Town with schools for the ensuing year: the Town to be divided into clafses as the selectmen shall see fit and each clafs to have the benefit of their own Money and the Money to be drawn out of the Treasury for no other Use: and if any clafs neglects to provide a SchoolMaster for their clafs their proportion of the Money to be converted to the use of the Town.
(Town Meeting March 14, 1785)

York fs at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford qualified as the Constitution directs to vote for the choice of Governor for the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts at the Meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the fourth day of April 1785 at three of the clock in the afternoon & by adjournment to the dwelling house of Mr. Daniel Hooper Inholder in said Town at five of the clock in the afternoon on said day: the number of written votes returned are twenty four upon counting & sorting of which in open Town Meeting the whole appear'd in favor of Thomas Cushing Esqr.

Jere Hill Town Clerk

At a legal Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford duly afsembled at the Meetinghouse in said Biddeford on Monday the thirteenth day of February 1786 at ten of the clock in the forenoon, then & there made choice of Capt. James Carlile for Moderator.

Voted to build the Bridge over Saco River.

Voted to appoint a Committee to lay a plan to build said bridge & lay the same before the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting

day of August next, after which Term of twenty years the right to remain in the Town they paying the said Thomas & Benjamin in the then apprised value, & if the bridge should be destroyed by any providential Act, then the Town to call on the said Thomas and Benjamin to rebuild, if they refuse, the Town has a right to said bridge on paying them the value of what remains at Apprisement, and if any Inhabitant or Inhabitants refuses to subscribe & pay a due Proportion of said one hundred & twenty five pounds; then said Inhabitant shall be obliged to pay toll as much as a Stranger untill he or they pay his or their due proportion of said one hundred & twenty five pounds which Toll shall be paid to the Committee who obligate themselves to said Thomas and Benjamin: the said Thomas & Benjamin to have the Toll of all Persons except the Inhabitants of said Town - that there be a Committee appointed to estimate said due Proportion, having regard to each Individuals Benefit therefrom & his Property.

Voted to accept the above Report.

Voted that Joshua B. Ofgood Esqr., Colo. Joseph Morrill Mefsr. John Staple, James Carlile, Jeremiah Hill Esqr., Doctr. Aaron Porter, Mefsr. Nicholas Smith, Robert Patten, Allison Smith, and Robert Gillpatrick be a Committee to obligate themselves to said Thomas Gillpatrick and Benjamin Nason & receive their obligation to fulfill said Contract on their part.

Voted that Colo. Joseph Morrill, Mefsr. Allison Smith, Robert Gillpatrick, John Dyer & Jeremiah Hill Esqr. be a Committee to estimate said due proportion of said one hundred & twenty five pounds.

Voted that a Majority of either of these Committees shall Act.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the twentieth of March inst. at ten of the clock in the forenoon - then to meet at said Meetinghouse.

Jere Hill Town Clerk.

Biddeford March 20th 1786 met agreeable to the above adjournment and voted to reconsider the vote to build the bridge over Saco River pafs'd the thirteenth of February last past - voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next to ten of the clock in the forenoon.

Jere Hill Town Clerk.

Biddeford Monday April 3rd 1786. Met agreeable to the above adjournment and voted to adjourn this meeting to the Second Monday in March next, which will be in the year 1787 to ten of the clock in the forenoon.

Jere Hill Town Clerk.

(Note: Town Book shows no record of the adjourned meeting being held in 1787.)

York fs at a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford qualified as the Constitution directs to vote for the Choice of Governor for the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the third day of April 1786 at two of the clock in the afternoon: The number of written votes return'd are nineteen upon sorting and counting of which in open Town Meeting, nine appears in favor of his Excellency John Hancock Esqr. and ten in favor of his Excellency James Bowdoin Esqr.

Jere Hill Town Clerk.

At the anniversary Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford qualified as the Law directs to vote in town Affairs held at the Meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the nineteenth Day of March 1787 at ten of the clock in the forenoon -

Doctr. Aaron Porter, Moderator chosen by holden up the hand & sworn before Benja. Hooper Esqr.

Rishwth Jordan Esqr.)
Benja. Hooper Esqr)
Mr. James Emery) Select Men chosen by Ballot

Voted to choose by holding up the hand:

Mefsrs Benja. Staple)
Amos Gordon)
John Staple)
Jona Smith) Fence viewers and Field Drivers

Voted to give the Treasurer forty shillings for his Services the year ensuing - Rishworth Jordan Esqr, Treasurer.

Mefsrs Noah Hooper)
John Staple)
John Dyer) Surveyors of Highways

Mefsrs David King)
Donald Cummings)
Peter Page) Surveyors of Boards
Jeremiah Allen)
Nicholas Smith)
Benja. Staple)

Mefsrs Peter Page) Cullers of Staves
Jeremiah Allen)

Mefsrs Theodore McIntire) Measurers
Jeremiah Allen) of Wood
Citt. Gillpatrick Junr.)

Mefsrs Samuel Jordan)
Ebenezer Emery) Tything men

Mefsrs Thomas Townson)
John Staple) Sealers of Leather

Benja. Hooper Esqr. Sealer of Wts. & Measures

Mefsrs Phinehas McIntire)
Joshua Hill) Constables

Voted to give up to Mr. Joshua Hill his note of hand for five pounds which the Town has against him, the fame being given as a fine for not serving as Constable in the year 1774.

Voted to give the Constables six pence on the pound for all Taxes they shall collect -
Voted to give the Constables one penny on the pound in addition to the six pence already voted for all taxes they shall collect -

Mefsrs David Currier)
Samuel Haley) Hogreeves
Samuel Harris)

Mefsrs Jere Hill Esqr.)
Nicholas Smith)
Thomas Drinkwater) Lot Layers
Noah Hooper)

Mefsrs Benjamin Nason Junr.) Harbour Masters
Citt. Gilpatrick Junr.)

Mefsrs Peter Page) Measurers of Grain & Salt
Jere Allen)

Mr. Samuel Haley to take care of winter harbour beach -

York fs Biddeford July 1, 1788. Then Donald Cummings personally appeared & made solemn Oath that whereas he is appointed a Clerk to the Company of Artillery under the Command of Capt. Rishworth Jordan he would Act faithfully & impartially whilst he should be in that office agreeable to the Laws of this Commonwealth -
Corum Jere Hill Just. pais.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford qualified as the Constitution of this Commonwealth directs to vote for a representative for this Commonwealth in the Congrefs of the United States at the Meeting house in said Town on Thursday the eighteenth day of December AD 1788. The written votes returned are eighteen upon sorting & counting of which in open Town Meeting Eight appears in favor of the hon. George Thatcher Esqr. & ten in favor of the Hon. Nathl. Wells Esqr.
Jere Hill Town Clerk.

(Item from Town Meeting of Sept. 21, 1789)

2d Voted to choose one of ye Inhabitants of said Town to anfwer for and act in behalf of said Town at any Court or Courts, to an action in law brought against said Town by Jere Hill Esqr., it being for one order given by said Town in favour of ye Reverd. Nathaniel Webster. Chose Benjamin Staples to carry on the above action to final judgment & execution.

Biddeford June 30th 1790 -
Receiv'd of ye Select Men of the Town of Biddeford the Sum of two hundred & five Pounds eleven shillings & three Pence, it being in full for ye Settlement made with said Town on the twenty eighth day of May 1789.
Witnefs Nathanl. Webster
Jere Hill
John Staples

The above is a true coppy from ye Recept.
attest Rishworth Jordan Town Clerk
Biddeford July 19th 1790
Witnefs Benja. Nason

York fs. At a Legal Meeting calld by the Inhabitants of ye Town of Biddeford Quallified as ye Conftitution directs to Vote for the Choice of one Man to Represent the District of Main In Congrefs of ye United States at ye Meeting house in said Town on Tuesday ye Twenty fifth day of January one thousand Seven hundred & Ninety one at One of ye Clock in ye afternoon on said day, they then and there brought in a Number of written Votes, then Voted to Adjourn said Meeting Voted said meeting to be adjourned to foure of ye Clock at Capt. Hoopers the above adjournment reconfidered, the Number of Written Votes Returned are Thirty Seven upon sorting and counting of which in Open Town Meeting Thirty Six appear in favor of ye Honl. George Thatcher Esqr. and One in favor of Charles Chancey Esqr.

Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

York fs. Met agreeable to ye adjournment of ye Anniversary Town Meeting on Monday ye fourth day of April AD 1791.

Voted to choose a Committee to afsign suitable and Convenient places in said Town for keeping ye Town Schools.
Voted to have Seven in Said Committee.

Mefsrs Benjamin Staples	) Voted this Com-
Jereh. Hill Esqr.	) mittee should sit
John Staples	) immediately and
Christopher Gillpatrick, Sr.	)make a report to ye
Dodivah Bickford	)Town without any
David Thomas	)Expense to said
John Dyer	) Town.

Voted to Layout a Town Road from ye post Road near Lemuel Fofses to ye landing above Saco falls and from thence to ye Eddy below said falls. Voted to apoint a Committee to lay out Said Road. Voted five for said Committee.

Mefsrs Jereh Hill Esqr.	)
Benja. Nason	)
Christopher Gillpatrick, Jr.	) THE COMMITTEE
Col. Joseph Morrill	)
Allison Smith	)

for to lay out Said Road, provided ye Proprietors will give ye Land to Layout ye Same free from any Expense to said Town & provided also that ye Expense of Laying out ye Same be also free of expense to said Town.

Voted to choose a Committee to lay out a Highway from ye weftern post Road near Coles road so called to meet ye arundell road near Jonathan Smiths land - provided ye owners of ye lands will give ye land with out any expence to ye Town also a Town Road from ye last mentioned road on Nearly a Northwest line course to ye head of Said Town provided ye Owners of ye lands will give ye land with out any Expence to ye Town. Ye Persons chosen for said Committee are as follows.

Mefsrs Doct. Aaron Porter)
Capt. Noah Hooper)
Benja. Nason) Free of Expence
Nicholas Smith) to said Town.
Samuel Bradbury)

York fs. At a legal Meeting of ye Inhabitants of ye Town of Biddeford Quallified as ye Constitution directs to Vote for ye Choice of one Man to Represent ye District of Main in Congrefs of ye United States at ye Meeting house in Said Town, on Monday ye fourth Day of April 1791 at two of ye clock in ye afternoon. Ye number of Written Votes Returned are Sixty Seven upon sorting and counting of which in open town Meeting Sixty Six appears in favor of ye Honbl. George Thatcher Esquire & one in favor of William Lithgow Esquire -

Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk

(Following Items from Town Meeting of March 19,1792)

Voted Not to Accept the report handed in by ye Committee in laying out a road from Lemuel Fofses to ye landing above ye falls and from thence to ye Eddy below ye falls. -

Voted to build a pound thirty feet Square & Seven feet high -
Voted to set Said Pound between Mr. Thos. Gillpatrickes & Mr. Benja. Nasons Dwellings houses -
Voted to give Col. Joseph Morrill foure Pounds foure shillings sum for building the said Pound. Four Months allowed to build said Pound in -

Voted ye Town to Release there right of the Parsonage barn to Mr. Triftram Morrill for thirty Shillings. He paying the same in to ye Town Treasurer.

Voted to choose a Committee to lay out a Highway from ye weftern post Road near Coles road so called to meet ye arundell road near Jonathan Smiths land - provided ye owners of ye lands will give ye land with out any expence to ye Town also a Town Road from ye last mentioned road on Nearly a Northwest line course to ye head of Said Town provided ye Owners of ye lands will give ye land with out any Expence to ye Town. Ye Persons chosen for said Committee are as follows.

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Voted ye Town to Release there right of the Parsonage barn to Mr. Triftram Morrill for thirty Shillings. He paying the same in to ye Town Treasurer.

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford Qualified as ye Law directs - Met at ye Court house in Said Town on Monday ye Seventh day of May 1792.

Did at Said Meeting Choofe Jeremiah Hill Esqr. as Agent for Said Town & like Voted that he should (be) under the direction of ye Select Men.

Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

York fs. At a Legal meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of ye Town of Biddeford Quallified according to the Constitution of the United States and the Laws of this Commonwealth duly notified and afsembled at the Town house in Said Biddeford on Friday the Second day of Novr. A. D. 1792. For the purpose of giving in there Votes for three persons to represent the District of Maine in the Congrefs of the United States for two Years agreeable to said Conftitution and Laws of the said United States - The Votes on this Occation are -

County of York

For George Thatcher Esqr. Thirty two
Nathl. Wells Esqr. Seven
Triftram Jordan Esqr. Six

County of Cumberland

Peleg Wardsworth Esqr. Twenty foure
Daniel Davis Esqr. Sixteen
Robert Southgate Esqr. One

County of Lincoln, Hancock & Washington.

Henry Dearborn Esqr. Forty
Daniel Coney Esqr. one
Wm. Lithgow Esqr. one

The above is a true Record from the Minutes handed in.

Attest Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

York fs. At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Biddeford Quallified according to the Conftitution of the United States & ye Law of this Commonwealth duly notified & afsembled at ye Dwelling of Daniel Hooper Inholder in Said Biddeford on Monday ye fourteenth Day of July A. D. 1793 at two of ye clock in the afternoon for ye purpose of giving in there votes for one Reprefentative for ye County of Cumberland and one Reprefentative for ye County of Lincoln, Hancock & Washington, to Represent the district of Main in ye Congrefs of the United States.

County of Cumberland
For Peleg Wardsworth Twenty Six
Daniel Davis Esqr. foure 31
Josiah Thatcher Esqr. one

County of Lincoln, Hancock & Washington.
Henry Dearborn Esqr. twenty foure
Wm. Lighgow Sr. Esqr. five
Elad. Campbell two 31

The above is a true Record from the Minutes handed in -
Attest Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

(Following Items from Town Meeting of March 18, 1793)

Voted to have an agent for Said Town for the present year. Jereh Hill Esqr. for said agent and to be under the direction of ye SelectMen.

Voted that the Select Men bind out the Poor Children of Said Town - In the the most advantageous terms they can for Said Town.

(Following items from adjourned Town Meeting of April 1st, 1793.)

Voted that the select Men be a Committee to settle with David Thomas for a Tax Committed unto him to collect in 1775. Said Tax was for the year 1774. -

The Jurers box Regulated and twenty 5 Names put in to the upper box so called and are as Follows Viz Thos. Rumery, Robert Gillpatrick, Joseph Morrill, Noah Hooper, Nichl. Smith, Benj. Staples, Benja. Nason, Rishworth Jordan Jr., Mathew Cobb, Amos Gordan, John Staples, Allison Smith, Joseph Dunham, Dodivah Bickford, James Carlile, James Staples, Robert Patten, Ralph T. Jordan, Josiah Hill, Elihu Coffin, Joshua Haley, John Dyer, Bachelder Bunker, Mathew Kifsick, Ezekeel Tarbox.

Voted that Dodivah Bickford, Elizabeth Cole & Daniel Cole shall work out there highway Tax on the Road leading from there houses to the Main Road -

York fs. At a Legal Meeting held by the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford Qualified to Vote in Town affairs at the Meeting-house in Said Town on Monday the twenty fifth day of Novbr. 1793 at two of ye Clock in the after Noon.
Mr. Robert Gillpatrick Moderator of Said Meeting -

Voted that Jeremiah Hill Esqr. be an agent to Sell the Estate where William Murch now lives which Estate is the Property of Said Town as may appear by said Murches Deed to Said Town bearing date the twenty fourth day of April 1792 and he is hereby authorised to Make and Execute a good and Lawful Deed of the Same.
Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

April 1, 1794. At the Adjournment of the Anniverary Town Meeting - Voted that the Execution which is or will come out against the Town for the deficiency of John Stackpole Junr. as a deliquent Constable in Said Town, the Said John Reputed Estate shall be shone to the Officer by the Selectmen to be livied there on -

Voted John Staples Constable -

Voted twenty Pounds to purchase Powder, ball, flints & Camp Kittles as the Law prescribes.

York Fs. At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford Qualified as the Conftitution directs - to Vote for the Choice of Governor for the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts at the Meetinghouse in said Town on the first Monday in April at two of the Clock in the after Noon. The Number of Written Votes Returned are thirty three upon exemining the same in open Town meeting there appears ten in faver of ye Honrble. Samuel Adams Esqr. - six in faver of Honr. William Cushing Esqr. , Seventeen in faver of Honl. James Sullivan Esqr. & one in faver of Thomas Rusfell Esqr.

York fs. At a Town Meeting Legally Notified and asfembled the 3d of Novembr. 1794 - Voted Jereh. Hill Esqr. Moderator.

2d Voted three persons to take an accurate Map of the Town of Biddiford agreeable to an Act of the General Court of June 26th 1794. - Vizt. Patridge Richardfon Surveyer, Chriftopher Gillpatrick Junr., Josiah Hill, Chainmen.
Attest Samuel Jordan Clerk pro tem
A true Copy from the Minutes
Attest Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

At a Town Meeting Asfembled According to Notification the first Monday of Novbr. 1794 agreeable to an Act of the General Court of June 27th 1794 - for the purpose of giving in there Votes for a federal Representative for the third Eastern Diftrict - the Votes for the Persons following Viz. George Thatcher 24, Ichabod Goodwin 7, Nathaniel Wells 2, Total 33.
Attest Samuel Jordan Clerk pro tem.

Decembr. 1794 - Mr. Joseph Staples has in his pofsefion three white sheep which sheep came to his barn and he says he has advertized them according to Law - and Marks is as follows, Vizt. a Slit in the Wright Ear. -
A true copy from the Minutes handed in.
Attest Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

York fs. At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford Quallified as the Conftitution directs at the Dwelling House of Daniel Hoopers Inholder in Said Town on Monday the twelfth day of January 1795. By his Excellencys Command did bring in there Votes for a federal Representative as follows - Vizt. - The Honle. George Thatcher Esqr. 40
The Hon. Nathaniel Wells Esqr. 1
Ichabod Goodwin Esq. 3
Total 44
A true Copy handed in by the Selectmen.
Attest Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

(Following Items from Town Meeting of April 6, 1795)

The Committee choses to Statien the School this present year has statiend them as Follows Viz. -
The Lower Clafs in said Town near the dwelling house of Silvester Haleys.
2d clafs near the House of Wm. Murch.
3d clafs Between the house of Benjamin Gillpatrick & Lemuel Fofses.
4th Clafs Between the house of Robert Gillpatrick & Swan pond Bridge -

Andrew Smith
Samuel Jordan
Benjamin Staples
Josiah Hill

Vote for Governor of Massachusetts, April 6, 1795.
Twenty five votes cast at lower meetinghouse.
James Sullivan 14
Samuel Adams 11

York fs. At a legal Meeting held by the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford on Monday the 4th day of January 1796 - at two of the clock in the afternoon on said day - and Votes pafsed Vizt.

Voted Mr. John Staples as Moderator of said Meeting.

Voted the Afsefsers to afsefs foure hundred dollars and amediately to deliver the afsefsment to the Conftable to have it Collected and ameediately paid in to the treasurer and the treasurer to call upon the former Constables to get as much as pofsible - and that the treasurer be authorized to hire the residue of Moneys which is to be paid on an execution in the hands of the Sheriff against the Afsefsers of Said Town for the deficiency of John Stackpole Junr. - a deficient Conftable in Said Town for the Year 1777. -

Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

(Following items from Annual Town Meeting of Mar. 21, 1796)

Voted to Prosecute John Stackpole Junr. for the deficiences of his Taxes for the Year 1777, which monies the Town has Paid the Commonwealth -

Voted Two hundred & Forty dollars to support the school the ensuing year -

Voted five hundred Seventy Eight Dollars for the High way Tax, Prices of Labour as the Last year -

Voted Eighty Pound for Parson Webfter Sallery for the ensuing year -

Voted to Choose an Agent to Prosecute John Stackpole Junr. for Monies Paid by the Town of Biddeford to the Commonwealth for the Said John Stackpole Junr - being for his deficiency in a tax Committed to him to collect in the year 1777 - Said Agent to be under the direction of the SelectMen.

Voted Printice Mellen Esqr. Agent.

Voted to Choose a School Committee of Seven.

Voted Dodivah Bickford)
Jeremiah Bittis) Said School Committee
Jeremiah Hill)
Andrew Smith) Voted Said Committee be no
Wm. Gillpatrick) Expence to the Town.
Silvester Haley
Noah Hooper

Voted this Meeting be Adjurned to the first Monday in April at two of the Clock in the afternoon -

At the Adjurnment of the Anniversary Town Meeting held at the meetinghouse in Said Town on Monday the 4th of April 1796 Voted to Except the Report of the School Committee - Which was Reported as follows Viz.
At Capt. Thomas Rummery ten weeks.
At the Widow Eliza Coles ten weeks
At the School house at the falls twelve weeks.
At John Staples ten weeks.
At Samuel Harris ten weeks.

If the Selectmen Cannot Procure a Convenient Room at either of the above places then they are to procure a Room as near as may be -

Voted Mefsr Wm. Gillpatrick, Benjamin Hooper Junr., Samuel Bradbury, Andrew Staples, Aaron Porter, Benjamin Gillpatrick, Nicholas Smith, John Staples, Davis Thomas, Josiah Hill, Stephen Joy, Jofhua Haley, Silvester Haley, Jereh. Bittis, Chriftopher Gillpatrick Junr. & John Dyer these persons be surveyers of highways for the year ensuing for the Particular purpose of there working out there Arrearages of there highway taxes for years Past and make Return of there doings to the Select men at the Next years anniversary Town meeting. -

Vote for Lieutenant Governor, same meeting: 26 votes cast.
Moses Gill 24
James Sullivan 2

Vote for Governor of Massachusetts, same meeting (April 4, 1796) Forty three written votes cast at meetinghouse.

Samuel Adams	35
James Sullivan	7
Increase Sumner	1

York FS. At a legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford Qualified to Vote in Town affairs Met at the meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the 2d day of May 1796.

Voted Capt. Seth Spring Moderator.

Voted Col. Joseph Morrill as an Agent to appear at the General Court of this Common Wealth at there Next Sefsions- to shew cause why the Prayer of a Number of the Inhabitants of Said Town should not be granted agreeable to a partition handed in to the General Court of this Commonwealth praying that they may be set of as a Christian Catholick society in said Town agreeable to an order from sd Court for that purpose -

Voted likewise that Said Morrill be an agent to answer to the prayer of Jacob Wiles in behalf of the Town of Arundell in the General Court of this Common Wealth at there Next Sesfions -

Rishworth Jordan Junr. Town Clerk.

Biddeford June 15th 1795

Capt Josiah Davis - We the Subfcribers Fence Viewers being duly appointed & sworn into office at your request have inspected the Line of divition between your Land and that of David Thomas - and do there upon hereby order you to build a good fufficient fence on Said line - beginning at an afh Tree - and running thence South East to a pine mark'd 55. Fifty five Rods to be Compleated on or before the first day of July next here of fail not. -

Joshua Hill
Benjamin Gillpatrick

A true coppy
Attest Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.
Biddeford August 12th 1796.

York fs. At a Meeting held at the Dwelling House of Benjamin Hooper Esqr. Inholder in the Town of Biddeford on Monday the 15th day of August 1796 at foure of the Clock in the AfterNoon by the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town -

Jeremiah Hill Esqr. Moderator Chosen by Said Inhabitants - and Chose the HonIe. George Thatcher Esqr. as agent to answer to the Petition of James Coffin of Pepperll borough on the fourth Tuesday of August Inftant at Waterborough term respecting a road running through his land near Swan pond so called -

Voted that the said Agent move the Court to Vary some part of said Road which is in the Town of Biddeford to a more Convenient Place -

Voted that the said agent be authorised and requested to oppose the Acceptance of the report of the Committee for altering the Road from Saco Bridge to Arundell as far as it runs South East of the South East side of the widow Grays upper lot so Call'd and that it may be continued to Kings Corner so Call'd & so to Saco Bridge -

Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

York FS. At a Legal Meeting held by the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford Qualified as the Conftitution directs for the Choice of Federal Representative - at the meeting house in Said Town on Monday the Seventh Day of November A. D. 1796.

Twenty two Votes hand in for a Federal Representative -

Upon Counting and Sorting of which there appeared Nine in favor of the Honle. George Thatcher Esqr. & thirteen in favor of Col. Joseph Morrill.
Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

York ss. At a legal meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford Qualified to Vote in Town affairs held at the meeting-house in said Town on Monday the Seventh day of Novbr. A. D. 1796. The Votes on the Occation were Eighteen-three of which was to have the Supreme Juditial Court to continue at York - two to have it Removed at Alfred - & thirteen to have it Removed to Wells in Kennebunk -
A true Copy of Votes handed in
Attest Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

York ss. Feby. 8th, 1797. At a Legal Meeting held at the meeting house in Biddiford this day at two of the Clock P. M. on the Subject of Seth Spring Petition -
John Staples Moderator.
The Following Vote was put Vizt. those that will oppose Springs Petition at the General Court Manifest- The Moderator declared it not a Vote and then declared the meeting disolved -
Attest Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

To the Select Men of the Town of Biddiford.
Gentlemen,
The Subscribers freeholders and Inhabitants in the said Town of Biddiford, request you to insert in your next warrant for calling a Town meeting, the following Articles -

1st To see if the Town will appoint a committee to see if the Revd. Mr. Webster will dissolve his present contract as Minifter of Said Town, and upon what condition -

2d To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to procure a Candidate to supply the Pulpit for a limited time to preach in both Meetinghouses alternately.-

3d To see if the Town will agree to have the Annual Town Meetings & all other Town Meetings held alternately in both Meeting Houses except Conftables Meetings for choosing Jurors - if these propositions are not agreeable then -

4th To see if the Town will agree that the prayer of the Petition of the catholic christian Society for an Incorporation now pending before the General Court be granted as a poll parish, or by a line drawn as near the centre between said Meeting houses as may be convenient with out dividing any mans Farm -

Biddeford Febr. 24, 1797

Samuel Smith	Wm Freeman
Andrew Staples	Noah Hooper
Joseph Dunham	Benja. Hooper Junr.
Joseph Staples	Willm. Gillpatrick
Benjamin Staples	Thos. Burton
	Mathew Kisfick

A true Record agreeable to the Petition
Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

To Ralph T. Jordan Conftable of the Town of Biddiford, You are hereby required in the name of this Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts to Notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford, that are Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to Afsemble at the Meeting-house in Said Town on Monday the Twentieth day of March instant at ten Oclock A. M. then and there to act on the following articles -

1st To Choose a Moderator for the regulation of said Meeting -

2d To choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen and other town officers required by Law -

3d To Choose a Committee to let out the common Thatchbeds that are in Winter harbour Pool for one year -

4th To see if the Town will Vote that David Thomas and others shall have there proportion of the Money raised the present year for School Tax to be converted to ye benefit of a School the present year -

5th To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to see if the Revd. Mr. Webster will difsolve his present Contract as Minifter of Said Town, and upon what Conditions.

6th To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to procure a Candidate to supply the Pulpit for a limited time to preach in both Meeting Houses Alternately -

7th To see if the Town will agree to have the Annual Town Meetings and all other Town Meetings held alternately in both Meeting houses execpt Conftable meetings for Choosing Jurors -

If these propositions are not agreeable then -

8ly To see if the Town will agree that ye prayer of the petition of the Catholic christian Society for an Incorporation now pending before the General Court to be granted as a poll,parish or by a line drawn as near the center between Said meeting houses as may be Convenient without dividing any mans Farm -
The four last articles being at the Request of ten or more freeholders in Said Town.

9ly To see what Money said Town will Vote to raise in order to defray the Charges that may arise within said Town the present year.
Given under our hands this eleventh day of March, 1797, at Biddiford -

Allason Smith) Selectmen of
Josiah Hill) Said Town

Persuant to the above Warrant to me directed I do hereby Notify & warn the freeholder and Inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford that are Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to afsemble at the time and Place and for the above Mentioned Purposes -

R. Tristram Jordan)Conftable of
) Biddiford

York SS. Persuant to the within Warrant to me directed - I have Notified the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford that are Qualified to Vote in Town affairs by Posting up the within warrant at the Meeting House in Said Town Agreeable to the within - to Meet at ye time and Place and for the purposes within Mentioned - Biddiford, March 20th 1797.

R. Tristram Jordan) Conftable of
) Biddiford

A true Record agreeable to the warrant -
Attest Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

York ss. At the Annuel Town Meeting held at the Meeting house in Biddiford on Monday ye twentieth of March A. D. 1797, the Following officers Chosen & the Following Votes Pafsed Vizt. -

1st Doctr. Aaron Porter Chosen Moderator to regulate said Meeting -

2d Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk & sworn in to office by the Moderator.

Mefsrs Joseph Morrill)
Josiah Hill) Select Men
Robert Gillpatrick)

Rishworth Jordan Junr. Treasurer.

Voted the Treasurer to have Seven dollars for his services.this year.
Voted to Choose a Committee to Settle with the Treasurer.
Mefsrs. John Chadwick)
John Staples) for said Committee
Noah Hooper)

Voted five Percent for the Conftable for the year insuing -

Voted Ralph Triftram Jordan Conftable.

Mefsrs.	Robert Gillpatrick	Fence Viewers & field Drivers.
	Ebenezr Emery	
	Noah Nason	
	David Thomas	
	John Staples	

Mefsrs.	Donald Cummings	Surveyors of Lumber
	Partridge Richardson	
	William Stephenson Jnr.	
	Joseph Morrill	
	Robert E. Nason	
	Noah Hooper	
	Edmund Perkins	
	John Chadwick	
	Jereh Hill Esqr.	
	Saml. Jordan	

Mefsrs	Phineas McIntire	Measurers of Wood
	Dominicus Gillpatrick	
	Partridge Ritcherdsen	
	John Chadwick	
	Edmund Coffin	
	Samuel Pirsen	
	Peltiah Moore	
	Samuel Wingate	

Mefsrs	Donald Cummings	Cullers of Staves
	Partridge Richerdsen	
	John Chadwick	

Mr. John Chadwick Sealer of Waits & Measures

Mefsrs	Thos. Townsand	Sealers of Leather
	John Townsand	
	Roger Smith	
	Seth Spring	

Mr. Ebenezr Hill Infpector of Lime

Mefsrs	Elihu Coffin	Lotlayers
	Patridge Richerdsen	
	Noah Hooper	

Mefsrs	Batchelder Bunker	Harbour Mafters
	Joseph Dunham	
	Chriftopher Gillpatrick	
	Robert Patten	

Mefsrs Jonathan Tarbox)
Stephen Joy)
Zebediah Kifsick) Hog Reafs
Phinias McIntire)
Daniel Defhon)
Ralph Emery)
Seth Spring)

Mr. Benjamin Gillpatrick Pound Keeper.

Mr. John Chadwick Measurer of Grain & Salt

Mefsrs Batcheldor Bunker)
Elihu Coffin) To take Care
Chriftopher Hussey)
David Thomas) of
Silvester Haley)
John Dyer) Winter Harbour Beach

Voted foure Surveyers
Mefsrs Ralph T. Jordan)
Chriftophr Gillpatrick) Surveyers of
Seth Spring) High Ways
William Gillpatrick)

Voted Seven Hundred Dollars for the Highway Tax -

Voted Days Labour Eighty Nine Cents pr. day fer a man.
Fifty Six Cents for Oxen pr. day.
Thirty three Cents for Wheels ditto. &
Fifty Cents pr. day for a Plow.

Voted that the Select Men be impowered to grant Warrents of diftrefs to the Surveyers of highways fer Collecting the Highway Taxes of those who Neglect to work them according to Law -

Mefsrs Richard Goodwin)
Chriftopher Gillpatrick) A Committee to
Joseph Dunham)
Joseph Perkins) take care of
Thos. Tarbox)
Donald Cummings) Saco River
Amos Gordan)
Robert Patten) Fifhery.

Mefsrs Sith Spring) A Committee to sell ye
John Staples) grafs on the Common thatch
Chriftr. Gillpatrick) beds this Present year.

Voted that the Selectmen take care of Thomas Drinkwater and family and difpose of them to the best advantage to the Town.

Voted three hundred dollars for schools.

Voted two hundred Sixty Six Dollars and Sixty Six Cents for the Minifters Sallery.

Voted two hundred Dollars for the Poor.

Voted two hundred Dollars for Powder and other Expenses -

Voted to choose a Committee to see if ye Reverend Mr. Webster will difsolve his Present Contract as Minifter of Said Town and upon what Condition.

Mefsrs John Chadwick)
John Staples) For
Andrew Stackpole) Said
Chriftopher Gillpatrick) Committee
John Benfon)

Voted to have the Annuel Meetings and all other Town Meetings held alternately in both Meeting houses Except Conftables Meetings for Choosing of Jurers -

Voted the Next Town Meeting to be held at the New meeting house at Saco falls in Said Town.

The Answer to the Towns Request of the Reverd Mr. Webster handed in by the Committee in his own handwriting is as Follows Viz -

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford in Town Meeting afsembled -

Gentlemen,

Having received by your committee your vote Pafsed in this your Annuel Town Meeting empowering them to request me to inform you thro them whether I will consent to the nulling of my civil Contract with you,for a Minifterial Support and if I do Consent there to on what terms I will thus Consent - To which I reply: If the Town will as Compensation for the Difsolution of my aforesaid Contract pay me within the term of twelve months either in Specie or give Sufficient immediate Security therefor the sum of two thousand Dollars, then I will difcharge them from said Contract and shall Expect no further Minifterial Support from them nor will they Expect any further minifterial Service from me.

Biddeford, March 20, 1797 Nathaniel Webfter

P.S. this is ye only Answer that I have to make to your request. N. Webster.

A true Record of the Minutes handed to me -

Attest Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

Biddiford March 20th 1797

Chriftien Friends,

Whereas I have this day answered the Request of the Town by there Vote handed me by their Committee should the Town accept of this my answer & comply with my terms on which the Difsolution of my Civil Contract shall take place as Specified in my Answer - I hereby engage to Covenant for a minifterial Support with all those of the Town who wifh for the continuance of my Miniftry among them and will in such Covenant accept of their present proportion of my Annuel Minifterial Support as per the Tax-bill of the last years as an adequate reward for my Minifterial Services and likewise will discharge them and every (one) of them from their Respective Proportions of the aforesaid Compensations.

Nathel Webster

N.B.
Should God in his providence take me a way by Death prior to my friends having an opportunity to contract as above, then they are liberated from paying any part of the aforesaid Compensation -

Nathl. Webfter

Voted to accept the offer of the Reverend Nathaniel Webfter of Two Thousand Dollars as a Compensation for the disalution of his Contract -

Voted to Raise two thousand dollars in addition to the monies all ready Voted as a seperate tax for the purpose of Discharging the aforesaid Contract.

Voted this Meeting be adjurned to ye first Monday in April next at two of the clock in the afternoon - Said meeting adjurned accordingly -

Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

York fs At the adjurnment of ye Anuel Town Meeting held at the New Meeting house at Saco fall in Biddiford on Monday 3rd of April 1797.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee as they adjusted the accompts with Jereh. Hill Esq. Treasurer -

Motioned to Reconsider the Vote pafsed ye last Meeting of Raifing two thousand Dollars to pay the Revd. Mr. Webfter -
Not Voted.

Voted that the Selectmen shall afsefs the two thousand Dollars which was Voted to be raised the last Meeting to pay Mr. Webfter and that they have it to be appropriated to the purpose therein exprefsed.

Motioned the petitien of the Catholic Christian Society for a Seperate poll parish now before the Legislature of the Commonwealth be granted -
Not Voted -

Voted Doctr Aaron Porter Surveyor of highways from Saco bridge to Arundall line.

Voted John Staples Surveyor of ditto from the mouth of Guinea Road to Arundell line -

Voted this Meeting be difsolved -
disolved accordingly -
Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

York fs At a Legal meeting of ye Inhabitant of the Town of Biddiford Qualified as ye Conftitution directs to Vote for ye Choice of Governor for the Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts at the New meeting house in Said Town on Monday ye third day of April 1797 at two of the Clock in the afternoon the Number of Written Votes Returned are Ninety Six upon Examining of which in open town Meeting we find Sixty foure in favor of ye Honle. James Sullivan Esqr. and thirty two in favor of ye Honle. Increase Sumner Esqr. -

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To Thomas G. Thornton Esqr. one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the Said County of York - These are to Request you to Isfue your Warrant to Ralph Triftram Jordan Conftable of Biddiford, directing him to call a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Said Town (quallified by Law to Vote in Town affairs) at the old Meeting-house in Said Town on thirsday the first day of June next at two of the Clock in the afternoon for the following purposes -
Vizt. to choose a Moderator to Regulate Said Meeting -
2nd to See if the Town will choose an agent or agents, to answer in behalf of Said Town to the Petition of the Catholic Society in said Town Now Pending before the General Court.
3rde To see what inftructions the Town will give the said agent or the Representative refpecting said Petition -
Biddiford May 29th 1797 -

Ralph T. Jordan
Ebenezr Emery
Triftm Morrill
James Emery
John Staples

Chriftopher Gillpatrick
Daniel Defhon
Aaron Porter
John Chadwick
Rishworth Jordan Jr.
Saml. Jordan
Andrew Smith
Dominicus Gillpatrick

York fs To Ralph T. Jordan one of the Conftables of the Town of Biddeford in Said County -
Greeting

Whereas it has been made to appear to me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for Said County that Application hath been made to the Select men of the Town of Biddiford to call a meeting of the Inhabitants of Said town Quallified to Vote in Town meetings, to see if Said town wold act on certain matters contained in the annexed petition but that they have unreasonably denied to call a meeting and have therefore made application to me to call one for that purpose.

These are therefore in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to require you to Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to afsemble at the Old Meeting-house in Said Biddiford on the first day of June next at two Oclock P.M. for the purposes contained in Said petition -

Given under my hand and Seel this thirtieth day of May one thousand Seven hundred & Ninety seven -
Thos. G. Thornton

York fs. Persuant to the within warrant to me Directed I have Notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford to Meet at the time and place and for the within mentioned purposes by posting up a written Notification at a Publick place in Said Town -
Ralph T. Jordan Conftable

Biddeford June 1st 1797

York fs. At a meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford held at the Old meeting house in Said Town on thirsday the first day of June 1797 at two of the clock in the afternoon on said day -

Mr. Benjamin Staples, Moderator, Chosen by sd Inhabitants.

Voted - that as it appears the only way to restore Peace and harmony to the Town that our Representative be instructed to use his endeavors that ye Prayer of ye Petitioners of ye Catholic Chriftien Society be granted agreeably to the prayer of said petition.

Voted to have this Meeting Disolvd. Disolvd accordingly.
Attest Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

York fs. To Major Rishworth Jordan Jr. Clerk of the Town of Biddiford-these are to signify to you our defire of Becomming Members of the Second religious Society in Biddiford agreeable to the Act for incorporating said Society; Pafsed June 22, 1797.

July 10th 1797	Jotham Perkins	Nathl. G. Walker
	Alexander Lewis	Geo. Thatcher
	Nathal. Fofs	William Lunt
	Joseph Simpfon	Simeon Goodwin
	his	Loammi Stimfon
	John X Goldthwait	Samuel Merrill
	mark	Jabez X Perkins
	Jere Cole	his mark
	Wm. Googins	Joseph Beale
	Joseph Dunham	

A true Copy from the Minutes handed in to me By Jere Hill Esqr. inSeptbr. 1797
Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

York fs. Found within the inclosure of the Subfcriber about the Middle of Octobr last a small Brindle yearling heifer with a white Spot in his face and part of her tail white. The Owner may have her by Proving Property and paying coft -
Biddiford Decembr 5th 1797.
Dodivah Bickford

A true Copy handed to me by Said Bickford Decembr 7, 1797
Attest Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

To Mr. John Chadwick one of the Inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford Greeting
You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of Said Town Quallified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the lower meeting house in said Town on Monday the thirteenth day of November inftant at three of the clock P.M. on sd day.
1st to choose a moderator to Regulate said meeting.

2dly To see if the Town will choose an Agent to defend an Action Brought against Said Town by the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to be heard and tried at November term to be holden at Biddiford on the Second Tuesday of November Inft. for not repairing the Publick Highways in said Town -

3dly To see what measures the Town will adopt respecting a Highway ordered by the Court of General Sefsions of the peace to be laid out from Kings Corner to Springs Ifland (so called).

4tly To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Select men of one or both of the following highways from Ebenezar Hill through the land of Said Hill and land of Benjamin H. and Daniel Hooper Esqrs. to Springs Bridge 2dly a road from Lemuel Fofses House over the Lower Mill Brow to the uper landing by Springs Bridge. Also from John Lees late dwelling house to the Eddy so called.

5tly Generally to act on any matter or thing Respecting the afforesaid articles as the Town may think proper.

Given under our hands and Seals at Biddeford 4th day of November Anno Domini 1797.

Joseph Morrill) Select
Josiah Hill) men

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants of said Town Qualified as therein exprefsed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within Mentioned -

Biddiford Nov. 13th, 1797 John Chadwick.

York fs At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford Qualified to Vote in Town affairs - Met at the lower Meeting house in Said Town - on Monday the thirteenth day of November at three of the Clock P.M. on Said day -

Mr. Robert Gillpatrick Chosen Moderator

Jereh. Hill Esq. Chosen as agent to answer to an inditement before the General Sefsions of the Peace at November Term 1797 against Said Town -

Voted three agents to attend the Committee and the Sefsions on accompt of laying out a Road from Kings Corner to Springs Bridge - Jereh Hill and Printiss Mellen Esqr. and Capt. Noah Hooper for said Agents -

The first part of the fourth articles continued to the Next Meeting of Said Town.

Voted this Meeting be difolved - difolved accordingly -

Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

Extracts from Town Records.

To Major Rishworth Jordan Jr. Clerk of the Town of Biddiford. These are to signify to you our defire of becomming Members of the second religious Society in Biddiford Agreeable to the Act for incorporating said Society pafsed June 22, 1797.

Robert S. Gillpatrick	Dorious Long
Wm. Smith	Samuel Cole
Benja. Staples Junr.	Shadrick Nowell
Amos Mason	Benjamin Long
Humphrey Goodwin	Nathaniel Tarbox
	David Smith

Biddiford, March 9th, 1798
A true Coppy of the Mens Names handed to Me by Jeremiah Hill Esqr. March 9th, 1798.
Attest Rishworth Jordan Jr. Town Clerk.

To Ralph Tristram Jordan Constable for the Town of Biddeford Greeting.

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford Qualified by Law To vote in Town Meetings viz. such as pay to one single Tax besides the poll or Polls a Sum Equal to a single Poll Tax To meet & Assemble at the Meeting House at the Falls in said Town on Monday the twenty sixth day of March Inst. at 10 Oclock A.M. To act on the following Articles Viz.

1st To Choose a Moderator forthe Regulation of sd. Meeting.
2d To Choose Selectman, Town Clerk & all other Town officers Nefsesery to be chosen in said Town.
3rd To vote such Sum of money for to defray the Charges of saidTown as they may Think proper -
4thly To Choose a Committee to sell the Common Thatch Beds for the present year.
5thly To see if the Town will Vote that the Selectmen be directed to call the annual meeting in future on the first Monday in March.
6thly To see if the Town will Vote to Choose an agent to answer to a complaint against sd. Town for not Repairing the highways from Kings Corner to Arundel Line which complaint is to be heard & tried the Third Tuesday of April next at the Court of General Fessions of the Peace to be holden at York in & for the County of York -
7th To act Generally on any matter or thing said Town may think proper. Given under our hands & Seals at Biddeford the Seventeenth day of March 1798 -

Joseph Morrill) Selectmen of
Robert Gillpatrick) Biddeford

In pursuant to the annexed Warrant to me Directed I do hereby Notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants

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qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time & places & for other purposes mentioned in the annexed warrant.

Biddeford March 17th, 1798 R. Tristm. Jordan Conft.

York fs In compliance to the annd. Warrant to me directed I have Notified & warnd the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Time & place & for other purposes mentioned in the annexed Warrant By Posting the same at the old Meeting house in said Town.
Biddeford, March 26th, 1798 R. Tristm. Jordan Conft.
Attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

At the annual Town Meeting held at the new Meeting House at Saco falls in Biddiford on Monday the twenty-sixth day of March 1798 -
Allison Smith chosen Moderator.
Jeremiah Hill Esqr. chosen Clerk & sworn into office before Benja. Hooper Jus. peace.
Allison Smith, Jeremiah Hill Esqr. & Robert Gillpatrick chosen Selectmen.
Voted to give the Town Treasurer seven Dolls. for his services the year ensuing.
Voted Jeremiah Hill Esqr. Town Treasurer.
Allison,Smith, Jere Hill, & John Chadwick Committee to settle with the late Town Treasurer.
Voted to lodge John G. Davis notes in the Town Treasury.
Voted to give the Constables five pr cent for all the present year taxes by him collected.
Voted that all Constables in future shall in six days & previous to his being sworn procure bonds to the satisfaction of the Select Men to be given to the Town Treasurer for the use of the Town & kept in the Treasurers Office -
Ebenezer Hill chosen Constable -

Noah Nason)
Robt. Gillpatrick) Fence viewers
Zebediah Kissick) and
Andrew Staple) Field Drivers
John Wadlin)
David Thomas)

Dond. Cummings)
Major Saml. Jordan) Surveyors
Danl. Hooper)
Noah Hooper) of
Patridge Richardson)
Saml. Bradbury) Lumber
Moses Bradbury)
Wm. Stevenson Junr.)
Robt. E. Nason)
Caleb Wetherbee)
John Chadwick)
Colo. Jos. Morrill)

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Voted to raise two hundred Dollars to defray the necessary charges of the Town for the year ensuing -

Voted Mr. Sylvester Haley Collector provided he procure bonds to the satisfaction of the SelectMen to be given to the Town Treasurer for the use of the Town & lodged in the Town Treasury & that he have five pr cent for all Monies by him collected for the year ensuing -

Voted to dissolve this Meeting -

Jere Hill Town Clerk.

York fs At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford qualified as the Constitution directs to vote for the choice of Governor for the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts at the old meeting house in said Town on Monday the second day of April 1798 at four of the clock in the afternoon, the number of written Votes are twenty eight upon sorting & counting of which in open Town Meeting it appears that his excellency Increase Sumner had Sixteen & the Honorable James Sullivan Twelve

Jere Hill Town Clerk.

The Subscribers being agents for the Town of Biddiford & the Inhabitants petitioning to be incorporated in a catholic christian Society do agree that said Petition should be referred to the 2d Wednesday of the next Session of the General Court & mutually agree to use their influence to have all disputes between said Town & Society settled in an amicable & friendly way & they will earnestly recommend it to the parties to attend to that desirable object without delay. Boston 4th February 1797 -

Jere Hill
Joseph Morrill

June 25, 1798

A true record attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

The Subscribers, Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford do hereby enter our solemn dissent from & protest against the proceedings of the said Town of Biddiford at their annual Town Meeting held at the lower Meeting House in said Town on Monday the twentieth day of March, 1797, more particularly against a vote for accepting the report of a Committee which was appointed to confer with the Revd. Nathaniel Webster to see if he would dissolve his civil contract as minister of said Town & upon what conditions and also against a vote for raising two thousand Dollars as a compensation to the said Nathaniel Webster for dissolving said contract for the following reasons -

1st Because the report of said Committee carried in the very face of it the appearance of corruption, Injustice & fraud -

2d Because those who supported & voted for the acceptance of said report & for raising the said two thousand dollars were to be discharged from paying any part of the said compensation under the pretense of being the Christian friends of the said Nathaniel Webster & still wishing to attend upon his Ministry - Biddeford April 3d, 1797.

Abraham Storer	Paul Thompson
David Washbourn	Saml. Bradbury
John Harmon	George Hooper
Phinehas McIntire	Wm. Gillpatrick
David Currier	John Hooper
James Carlile	Wm. Freeman
Amos Gordon	Benja. Hooper
Robert Gillpatrick	Jere Hill
Robert Bragg	Samuel Peirson
Donald Cummings	John Townson
Pike Gordon	Benja. Staple
Ebenezer Hill	Samuel Smith
Andrew Staple	Thomas Burton
Wm. Stevenson	Dodivah Bickford
Wm. Googins	Daniel Hooper
Enoch Smith	Edmund Perkins
Joseph Staple	Noah Hooper
John Gordon	Benja. Hooper Jun.

June 25, 1798
A true Record attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

York fs At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford qualified as the Constitution directs to vote for a Representative to the Congress of the United States in the third eastern District in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts holden at the Meeting house at Saco falls in said Biddiford on Monday the fifth day of November 1798 at two of the clock in the afternoon. The Number of voters present who voted are eighty four, upon sorting & counting of which in open Town Meeting there appears thirty eight in favor of the honble. George Thatcher Esquire, forty five in favor of the Rev. John Fairfield & one in favor of Jonas Clark Esquire.

Jere Hill Town Clerk.

To David Smith one of the Inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford in the County of York - Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Biddiford qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble themselves together at the Meeting house at Saco falls in said Biddiford on Monday the

fifth day of November next at three of the clock in the afternoon for the following Purposes viz

1st To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting
2 To see if the Town will appoint an Agent to appear in behalf of said Town before the next Court of General Session of the Peace to be holden at Biddiford within & for said County of York on the second Tuesday of November next & to answer to the Petitions of Thomas Cutts, Benja. Hooper Esqr., Daniel Hooper, Enoch Smith & Persia Bickford respecting a new highway being laid out through their lands in said Town -
Given under our hands at Biddiford this Twentieth day of October in the year 1798 -

Allison Smith)
RobertGillpatrick) Select Men of
Jere Hill) Biddiford
Attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

Biddeford Oct. 25, 1798
Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed I have this day notified & warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Biddiford to meet at time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up the Substance of this Warrant at the old meeting house in said Town & at the dwelling house of Mr. Daniel Hooper, Innholder at Saco falls in said Biddiford.
David Smith
Attest Jere Hill, Town Clerk.

Biddeford November 5, 1798
The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant & notification & made choice of Mr. Allison Smith for Moderator to regulate said Meeting -
2ly made choice of Doctr. Aaron Porter for an Agent to appear & answer before the general sessions of the peace as particularly set forth in the foregoing warrant.
Attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

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Following Items from Town Meeting of March 4, 1799.

Voted that the Select Men be empowered to grant Warrants of distress to the Surveyors of Highways for collecting the highway Taxes of those who refuse to work them out according to law.

Voted to allow the same Wages on the highway as they did the year past (.39 for Labor, .56for oxen, .33 for wheels & .50 for a plough pr. day).

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Voted to raise Seven hundred Dollars to repair Highways the year ensuing -

Benjamin Staple, Jeremiah Hill & Sylvester Haley a Committee to sell the Improvment of the common thatch Beds the year ensuing -

Voted Sylvester Haley, John Staple, Rishworth Jordan Junr., Samuel Peirson, Phineas McIntire, John Tarbox & William Gillpatrick a Committee to settle the places where the School shall be Kept the year ensuing & how long in each place to be done without any expence to the Town -

Voted three hundred dollars for the School & two hundred dollars for the other necessary changes arising in said Town the year ensuing.

Attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

March 13, 1799

Ebenezer Hill personally appeared & took the oath of Office as a Surveyor of highways for the year ensuing as prescribed by Law and also the oath of Office as a Constable for the year ensuing agreeable to the form in the Law provided -

Jere Hill Town Clerk

March 21, 1799

William Googins personally took the Oath of Office as Surveyor of Lumber for the year ensuing -

Jere Hill Town Clerk

March 26, 1799

Donald Cummings personally took the oath of Office as a Surveyor of Lumber & as Measurer of Wood for the Year ensuing -

Jere Hill Town Clerk

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To Ebenezer Hill one of the Constables of the Town of Biddeford in the County of York - Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the sd. Town of Biddeford qualified to vote in Town affairs to afsembly at the upper meeting house in sd. Town on Monday the first day of April next at three of clock in the afternoon for the following purposes- viz:

1 To choose a Moderator to regulate sd. Meeting & to see
2 if the Town will appoint an agent to answer before the next general sessions of the peace to be holden at York within & for the County of York on the third Tuesday of Apl. next to answer to an Indictment found by the grand jury Novbr. term last for a deficiency in not keeping a school in said Town -

3ly To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Select Men made in Novr. 1797 respecting a three Rod Road from the post Road at Ebenezer Hills to Captn. Springs Western Bridge so called. The last article is inserted at the request of Ten Freeholders.

Given under our hands of Biddeford this eighteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred & ninety nine-

Jere Hill) Select Men
Allison Smith) of
Robt. Gillpk.) Biddeford
Attest Jere Hill Town Clerk

Biddeford April 1, 1799
Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed I have notified & warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants within mentioned, to meet at the Time & place & for the purpose within mentioned by posting up the substance of this warrant at the lower Meeting House in sd. Biddeford & at the dwelling House of Daniel Hooper Esq. at Saco falls eight days prior to this date -
Ebenezer Hill Constable
Attest Jere Hill Town Clerk

Biddeford April 1st, 1799 pursuant to the foregoing warrant & notification the freeholders & other Inhabitants met at time & place & made choice of Mr. Allison Smith for their Moderator-
Made choice of Prentiss Mellen esqr. as their agent to answer for them before the next Court of General Sessions of the peace to be holden at York within & for the County of York on the third Tuesday of April instant to an indictment found by the Grand Jury November term last for a deficiency in not keeping a School in said Town -
Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen made in November 1797 respecting a three Rod Road from the post Road at Ebenezer Hill's to Captn. Spring's western Bridge.
Attest Jere Hill Town Clerk

We the Subscribers Select Men of the Town of Biddeford have agreeable to a vote of said Town laid out a Road from Spring's Western Bridge (so called) running South 47½° West 16 Rods through Daniel Hoopers Land then S 47½° W. 40 Rods thro Land of Benja. Hooper Esqr. then South 16½° W 50 Rods thro Land of Ebenezer Hill to the post Road & have estimated the damages as follows viz:
To Daniel Hooper thirty two dollars -
To Benja. Hooper Esqr. ninety dollars-
To Ebenezer Hill -

& said Road is to be three Rods in width & the aforsaid courses are to be the middle of said Road.

All which is humbly submitted -

Biddeford
13 Novembr. 1797

Joseph Morrill) SelectMen
Robert Gilpatrick) of
Josiah Hill) Biddeford

A true copy from the original.
Attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

(Note: The above appears in the Town Record Book between an entry of April 1, 1799 & April 13, 1799, & was evidently entered 2 years after the original date, to complete the record on this road.)

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It is mutually agreed by & between the Subscribers viz: John Davis of Biddeford in the County of York on the one part & Caleb Wetherbee of the same Biddeford on the other part that whereas the said John & Caleb have this day run the Lines between their Lands, beginning at a certain ash stump thence running northeast twenty rods to a Stake, thence one hundred & ten rods Southeast to a Stake. The said parties do therefore by these presents agree to build the fence in an equal Proportion of good sufficient fence, to be divided as follows, viz, the said Wetherbee to build & afterwards Support the said fence from the aformentioned ash stump twenty rods northeast to said Stake, then the said Davis is to begin at said Stake & build & support from thence a good sufficient fence Sixty five rods southeast to a Stake, then the said Wetherbee begins & builds & supports said fence forty five rods southeast to the end of said Line.

To the faithful performance of all the above Contract the parties bind themselves each to the other in the penal sum of fifty dollars -

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this Twenty fourth day of June A. D. 1797.

Witness: Jeremiah Bettes
P. Richardson

John Davis
Caleb Wetherbee

A true Record attest Jere Hill Town Clerk

(Note: Also entered in Town Book with 1799 items).

This is to signify my intentions of joining the second religious Society in Biddeford -

June 17, 1799

Ichabod Gray
Daniel Littel

Ebenezer Cousens
Wm. H. Hutchens

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Octr. 21st, 1799. This is to give notice of my Intention to join the second religious Society in Biddeford -
Amos Gordon

To Ebenezer Hill one of the Constables of the Town of Biddeford in the County of York - Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Biddeford qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble themselves together at the Meeting house in the first religious Society in said Town on Monday the Twenty first day of October inst. at three of the Clock in the afternoon for the following purposes viz:

1ly To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting.

2ndly To see if the Town will appoint an Agent to appear in behalf of said Town before the next Court of general Sessions of the peace to be holden at Biddeford within & for said County of York on the second Tuesday of November next to answer to the Petition of Seth Spring respecting an highway's being opened from Kings corner to his Bridge -

Given under our hands at Biddeford the Twelfth day of October in the year 1799.
Allison Smith) Select Men of
Jere Hill) Biddeford
A true copy attest Jere Hill Town Clerk

Biddeford Octr. 12, 1799
Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified & warned the within mentioned Freeholders & Inhabitants by posting up the Substance of this Warrant at the lower Meetinghouse in said Town & at the house of Daniel Hooper Esquire the day above mentioned.
Ebenezer Hill Constable
A true Copy attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford qualified to vote in Town affairs at the time & place mentioned in the above warrant

1st Made choice of Mr. Allason Smith as Moderator.

2nd Made choice of Prentiss Mellen Esqr. for their agent to appear in behalf of said Town before the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden

at Biddeford for & within the said County of York on the second Tuesday of November next to answer to the Petition of Seth Spring respecting an highway's being opened from Kings Corner to his Bridge -
A true record attest Jere Hill Town Clerk

December 16, 1799. This is to certify that I do hereby join the second religious Society in Biddeford.
Jeremiah Bettes

March 5th, 1800	Allason Smith
March 6th, 1800	James Coffin
" 6th, "	John G. Coffin
" 7th, "	Ralph Emery

To Ebenezer Hill one of the Constables of the Town of Biddeford in the County of York Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford qualified as the Law directs to vote in Town affairs to assemble themselves together at the upper Meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the third day of March next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon then & there to act on the following articles, viz:

1st To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting.

2d To choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen & all other Town officers required by Law.

3d To choose a Committee to sell the Improvement of the Common thatch Beds in said Town for the year ensuing.

4th To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen in laying out a Town Road at the head of said Town, beginning near Moses Wadlin's Junr. at the Road leading to Limerick to the highway in Waterborough partly in Biddeford & partly in Phillipsburg & laid out jointly with the Selectmen of said Phillipsburg provided the Town of Phillipsburg accept the same & provided the same be free of expense to the said Town of Biddeford -

5th To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen in laying out a Road from Dodivah Bickford's Land near his dwelling house thro lands belonging to the Heirs of Capt. Jeremiah Cole deceased & Lands of Theodore & Phinihus McIntire, provided the Lands be free from any Charge to said Town -

6 To see what Sum or Sums of Money said Town will vote to raise to defray the Charges of said Town the year ensuing - Biddeford Feby. 19, 1800

Allason Smith)
Jere Hill) Select Men of Biddeford
Robert Gillpatrick)

A true copy attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

Biddeford Feby. 19, 1900

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed I have notifyed & warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants within mentioned by posting up the Substance of this Warrant this day at the lower meeting house in said Town & also at the Store of Messrs. Edmund & James Coffin to meet at time & place & for the purposes within mentioned -

Ebenezer Hill Constable

A true copy attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

(Note: Following action was taken on Items 3, 4 & 5 at Town Meeting of March 3, 1800.)

Voted to raise Seven hundred Dollars to repair the highways. Benjamin Staple, Sylvester Haley & Amos Gordon, Committee to sell the Improvement of the Common Thatch Beds for the year ensuing -

Voted to sell them at Ebenezer Hills -

Ephraim Curtis & Sylvester Haley to take care of Winter Harbor Beach -

At the Request of William Wadlin & other freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford we have in conjunction with the Selectmen of Phillipsburg laid out the following Road partly in Biddeford & partly in Phillipsburg; beginning at the County road leading to Limerick between the Lands of Moses Wadlin Junr. & John Gordon & thence running N . 47° W. fourteen rods on said Wadlin's land, thence S.W. two hundred & eighteen Rods to Gordon's Brook on said Wadlin's Land thence the same course between the Lands of Moses Wadlin Junr. & Charles Dow on the Line between the Towns of Biddiford & Phillipsburg one hundred & twelve Rods, thence S. 27° W. Sixty four Rods, thence S 33° W. one hundred & Seventy four Rods on William Wadlin's land to his barn, thence N. 77° W. fifty Rods, thence N. 48½° W. Twenty two Rods to Phillipsburg, thence the same course in Phillipsburg twenty-

four Rods thence S. 38° W. one hundred & forty two Rods to the County Road leading to Waterborough -
A true Copy Biddeford November 7th, 1799
Attest
Jere Hill T. Clerk. Allason Smith) SelectMen of
Robert Gillpatrick) Biddeford

Voted to accept the above Road on the conditions mentioned in the Warrant -

At the Request of Mr. Dodivah Bickford & Mr. Jeremiah Cole freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Biddiford, we have laid out a Town Road, beginning where Cole's Road so called joins the post Road on Mr. Phineas McIntires Land from thence running South eighty four degrees West forty four Rods on said McIntires Land, four Rods the same course on Mr. Theodore McIntires Land from thence North Sixty four degrees West eight Rods from thence north Sixty degrees West thirty two rods on Mr. Theodores McIntires Land, eight Rods the same course on Jeremiah Coles Land from thence North fifty Six degrees West thirty two Rods on said Coles Land; four Rods on Mr. Samuel Bradbury's Land the same course, from thence South Seventy two degrees West fourteen Rods, on Samuel Bradbury's Land, from thence South, seventy seven degrees West thirty three Rods, on the Lands owned by the Heirs of Captain Jeremiah Cole late deceased, from thence north Sixty four degrees West twenty eight rods on the said Heirs Land, from thence north forty nine degrees West thirty rods on the said Heirs Land & forty rods on the said Bickfords Land the same course to his dwellinghouse - N. B. it is agreed by the said Parties that the road is to go round the northeast End of the said Coles Barn -

Biddeford, August 24, 1799

Allason Smith) Select Men of
Robert Gillpatrick) said Town.
A true copy attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

Voted to accept this last Mentioned on the Conditions mentioned in said Warrant.

Voted to raise Six hundred Dollars to defray the charges of said Town the year ensuing.
Attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

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I hereby join the second religious Society in Biddeford -
March 14, 1800 Benja. Cole
Samuel O. Little or Samuel White (?) (illeg.)
Asa Bolter or Asa Bolton (?) (illeg.)
Nehemiah Bradbury

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June 26, 1800 Edmund Jefferds gives in his Name to belong to the second Religious Society in Biddeford -
Jere Hill Town Clerk

Augt. 16, 1800 Persia Bickford took the Oath of Office as Measurer of Wood for the year ensuing.
Jere Hill Town Clerk

Sept. 13, 1800 I do hereby give in my name to belong to the second Religious Society in Biddeford -
Willm. Stevens

Sept. 23, 1800 I do hereby give in my name to belong to the second religious Society in Biddeford -
Joshua Haley Jr.

To Sylvester Haley Constable of the Town of Biddeford, Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the lower meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of October next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles -

1st To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting

2d To see what Sum or Sums of money said Town will vote to raise in order to open the highway from Kings corner to Springs Bridge so called, or to see what method said Town will take to open said Highway, or otherwise petition the Court of Session to discontinue the same & appoint one or more agents for that purpose.

Given under our hands at Biddeford this Twenty fourth day of September 1800.

Jere Hill)
Robert Gillpatrick) Selectmen of Biddeford
R. Tristm. Jordan)
Jere Hill, Town Clerk.

Agreeable to the within Warrant to me directed I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town of Biddeford to meet at the within mentioned Time & Place by posting up the within warrant in two public places in said Town which warrant remained posted at public view from 24 Septr. 1800 to the 8th Octr. 1800.

Sylvester Haley, Constable

Attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the aforesaid Inhabitants at the time & place appointed - Robert Gillpatrick Town Moderator: voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday next at two of the Clock in the afternoon then to meet at the upper meeting house in said Town -

Biddeford Octr. 13, 1800 met agreeable to the above adjournment & voted to choose three Agents to petition the Court of Session to discontinue the highway from Kings Corner to Springs Bridge, & appointed Prentis Mellen & Jeremiah Hill Esqr. & Doctr. Aaron Porter the Agents for that purpose -

Jere Hill Town Clerk

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To the Selectmen of the Town of Biddeford, Gentlemen,

We the Subscribers, Freeholders, & Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford, do hereby request you to insert in your next Warrant for calling a Town Meeting, or to call a Town Meeting for the express purpose of considering the same, the following articles, viz, -

To see if the Town will direct the Select Men to abate or refund with all incidental charges & costs, any part or portion of the two thousand dollar tax (so called) committed to Ralph Tristram Jordan the Constable for the year 1797 as to them may appear just & equitable -

Biddeford November 3d, 1800

Benja. Hooper Jnr.	Benjamin Staple
Samuel Smith	Samuel Emery
Edmund Perkins	Thomas Burton
John Townson	William Freeman
Benja. Cole	Benjamin Gordon
Edmund Coffin	Pike Gordon

A true copy attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

To Sylvester Haley Constable of the Town of Biddeford Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon & notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the upper meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventeenth day of November instant at three of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz,

1st To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting.

2d To see if the Town will open the Road from Kings Corner to Springs Bridge agreeable to the late order of the Court of general Sessions of the peace, & appoint some suitable person to oversee the same -

3d To see if the Town will direct the Select Men to abate or refund with all incidental charges & costs any part or portion of the two thousand dollar tax (so called) committed to Ralph Tristram Jordan Constable for the year 1797 as to them may appear just & equitable agreeable to a request of ten or more freeholders & Inhabitants of said Town-

Given under our hands at Biddeford this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred -

Jere Hill) Selectmen
Robert Gillpatrick) of Biddeford.

A true copy Attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

Biddeford November 8th, 1800

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants within mentioned by posting up the Substance of this warrant at the Lower Meeting house & at Saco falls to meet at time & place within mentioned -

Sylvester Haley Constable.

A true copy attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

The freeholders & other Inhabitants above mentioned met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant & notification & made Choice of Captn. Noah Hooper for Moderator.

Voted to open the highway from Kings Corner to Springs Bridge &that those persons who shall work on said Road shall have the same wages as was voted for the like Services the year past -

Voted that the Selectmen abate or refund with all incidental charges & costs any part or portion of the two thousand dollar tax (so called) committed to Ralph Tristram Jordan Constable for the year 1797 agreeable to the third article in the foregoing Warrant -

Jere Hill Town Clerk.

Robert Gillpatrick personally made solemn oath that he had acted faithfull& impartially & would act faithfully & impartially in the duties of his office as a Selectmen & Assessor for this Town agreeably to the Laws - before Jere Hill Town Clerk

Jere Hill made solemn oath to perform the duties of his office as a Selectman & assessor for this Town faithfully & impartially, before Saml. Peirson Just. peace as pr. certificate on file.

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To the Selectmen of the Town of Biddeford, We the Subscribers more than ten freeholders of said Town of Biddeford requeft you to call a meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town quallifyd by law to vote in Town affairs to meet on Monday the third day of August next at the Lower meeting houfe in said Town at three of the clock in the afternoon to see whether the Town will appoint an Agent or Agents to answer to any Action or Actions which is or may be brought against said Town and to appear for, plead and persue the same to final judgment and directions with power of subftitution -

2d To see what meafures the town will take to obtain the Towns Books out of the hands of Jeremiah Hill Esqr. the former Treafurer of said Town -

3d To see what further provition the Town will make for mending and repairing the highways in said Town - Biddeford, July 16th, 1801

Jotham Gilpatrick	Rishwth Jordan
Robert E. Mason	Jotham Perkins
John Hartley	Joseph Smith
John Benson	Daniel Defhon
Ebenezer Stacey	Triftm. Morrill
Thomas Smith	John Tarbox
Seth Spring	Lemuel Fofs
Abijiah Tarbox	John Chadwick
Joseph Kenrick	Benja. Gilpatrick
	Samuel Jordan

A true coppy attest R. Triftm. Jordan Jr. Clerk.

To Sylvester Haley Constable of the Town of Biddeford Greeting -

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders

and other Inhabitants of said Town quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting viz, such as Pay to one Single tax besides the polls or polls a sum equel to two thirds of a Single poll tax, to meet and afsemble at the lower meeting house in said Town on Monday the third day of August next at three of the Clock in the afternoon by requeft of ten or more of the freeholders of said town of Biddeford;

First To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.

Secondly To see whether the town will appoint an agent or agents to answer to any action or actions which is or maybe brought against said Town and to appear for plead and persue the same to final judgment and Execution with full power of subftitution.

Thirdly To see what measures the town will take to obtain the towns books out of the hands of Jeremiah Hill Esquire the former treasurer of said Town -

Fourthly To see what further provition the town will make for mending and Repairing the Highways in said Town -

Fifthly The Selectmen requeft the town to Examine the jurors boxes as by law is required -

Given under our hands and seal this sixteenth Day of July A.D. 1801 at Biddeford

Joseph Morrill)Selectmen
Rishwth Jordan Jr.) of
Chriftopher Gilpatrick)Biddeford

A true coppy atteft R. Triftm Jordan Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have Notifyed the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by Posting up the substance of the same at two publick places in said town -
Biddeford July 26th, 1801 Sylvefter Haley Conftable
A True Coppy Atteft R. Triftm. Jordan Town Clerk.

The freeholders and other Inhabitants met agreeable to the foregoing warrant and notification and voted Captn. Seth Spring moderator to regulate said meeting. Voted to choose two agents - Voted mesr.Captn. Seth Spring and Dor. Aaron Porter as Agents to answer to any Action or Actions which is or maybe brought against said town and to appear for and plead and pursue the same to final Judgment and Execution with power of Substitution - Voted to prosecute Jeremiah Hill Esqr. former Treafurer of said Town for not delivering

up the towns Books when requefted. Voted Captn. Seth Spring and Dr. Aaron Porter as Agents for said town to Prosecute Jeremiah Hill Esqr. the former treafurer of the town of Biddeford and to appear for and plead and pursue the same to final Judgment and Execution with Power of substitution - Voted to raife two hundred and fifty dollars to repair the highways - Voted to disolve this meeting -

A true Coppy Attest R. Triftm. Jordan Town Clerk.

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Whereas a difpute has arifen between R. Triftm. Jordan of Biddeford and Joseph Haley & Susannah Tang both of Biddeford, about their respective right in a partision fence in the line between their lands or farms from the main road N.E. Sixty Rods to the End of their line, we the Subscribers fence viewers of the Town of Biddeford duly chosen and sworn havein on the application of the said R. Triftm. Jordan viewed the Premises and duly considered the matter in difpute have afigned and do hereby afign to each of the said Parties his share of said fence as follows viz; the said Joseph and Susannah shall build and keep in repair a good and sufficent fence from the main Road on the N. E. side of said road thirty two rods to a ditch in the marsh and a stake drove in the same and the said R. Triftm. shall build and keep in repair alike fence on the other part of said line viz; from the aforementioned ditch thirty two rods to the End of the line, and we also have viewed on the South west side of the main Road between their lands and find the fence insufient forty four Rods and that the aforesaid Joseph and Susannah Tang shall build and keep in good repair viz; from the main road twenty two rods to a pile of rocks near a thorn bush on said line and the said R. Triftm. shall build and keep in repair alike fence on the other part of said line viz from the said pile of rocks twenty two rods to the head of the said Jordans field.

Given under our Hands at said Biddeford this twenty seventh day of Octr. 1801

Josiah Hill
John Davis

A true Record Atteft R. Triftm. Jordan Town Clerk

(Note: Call for town meeting of March 1, 1802, to be held at "the meeting house near the Falls," contained items 5, 6, & 7 as follows.)

5thly To see if the town will choose a Committee to Petition the general court at their next session praying them not to remove the Supreme Judicial

Court from Kenebunk to Alfred but to remove all the Judicial Courts in the County to Kenebunk.

6thly To see if the Town will choose A Committee or direct the Selectmen to make such alterations in the road begining near Jonathan Tarboxes Land and running to the beach in the best & nearest way they can find as they may think proper.

7thly To see if the Town will lay out a Road from the Oak Ridge to Guinea Road, the three last articles are inserted by desire of Ten or more Freeholders & Inhabitants of said Town.

Given under our Hands & Seals at Biddeford the Eighteenth Day of February 1802.

Joseph Morrill) Selectmen
Rishwth Jordan Jr.) of
Chriftopher Gilpatrick) Biddeford

A true Coppy Atteft R. Triftm. Jordan Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the above warrant to me directed I have notifyd the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford to meet at the above time and Place for the purposes within mentioned by pofting up a copy of the within warrant at the town meeting house in said Town on Sunday the 21th February, Eighteen Hundred and two and on Monday the first day of March the day appointed for said Meeting the Roads was so blocked up with Snow that I could not git to the place appointed for the Meeting to make return of my Doings.

Sylvester Haley Conftable

A true copy atteft R. Triftm. Jordan Town Clerk.

(Note: Following action taken on above items at postponed Town Meeting held March 29, 1802.)

Voted Dr. Aaron Porter, Seth Spring & Prentis Mellen Esqr. be a committee to Petition the general court at their next session Praying them not to remove the Supreme Jucicial Court from Kennebunk to Alfred but to remove all the Judicial Courts in the County to Kennebunk -

Voted the Selectmen view theway proposed from Guinea Road to the Oak Ridge and make report at the adjournment of this meeting -

Voted to adjourn this meeting To the Old Meeting Houfe in the first Parifh to Monday the fifth Day of April next at two oclock in the afternoon - Met agreeable to adjournment and paffed the following votes...

Votd the Selectmen be a School Committe to clafs the Town and confine each clafs to itself so as not to crowd into each other.

Voted to difsolve this meeting. Desolve accordingly.

A True Copy Atteft R. Triftm. Jordan Tn. Clerk

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At the Request of the Selectmen of the Town of Biddeford I have run out into Sylvester Haley of said town ten Acres of thatch bed lyin in winter flats it be the same Sedge or thatch bed that the town of Biddeford granted to Benjamin Haley Late of said town Deceasd - which will appear by the town Records - the said thatch bed bounded as follows viz: Beginning at the Southerly Side of the said bed at A Log in the flats from thence South fifty six degrees East twenty Rods thence north eighty four degrees East twenty two rods thence North fifty seven degrees Eaft ninteen rods thence North fifty degrees west - by the place Crick So called thirty four rods and ½ of a rod from thence to the first mentioned bounds containing the above mentioned ten acres it being the Easterly Part of the Great Thatch bed that once belonged to said Town of Biddeford - Biddeford Sept. 1800.

Elihu Coffin Lot Layer

Attest R. Triftm Jordan Town Clerk

To R. Triftm Jordan Town Clerk of the Town of Biddeford In the County of York -

Obed Hooper of Biddeford in said County yeoman shews to you that on the eight day of May 1803 he took up in his Inclossure a brown horse with a white strip in his face and on the Sixteenth day of the same month I advertised the said Horse, and no owner yet appearing to pay dammage and cost of keeping the aforesaid horse your complainant prays that warrant may isue in due form of Law to Sum disintered Judisous persons to estimate the damage and cost of keeping said Horse and also to appraise Said Horse. Nov. 4th 1803

Obed Hooper

York fs Novemr. 4th 1803
Sworn to before R. Triftm. Jordan Town Clerk.
A Warrant Isued in due form of Law for the aforesaid purpose and on file. Attest R. Triftm. Jordan Town Clerk

See page 64 for below 1803

Extracts from Town Records

Record of persons becoming Members of the first parrish in Biddeford.

This may certify that I Mehitable Gorden of Biddeford widow have joined the first parrish in said Town and by that meens shall not pay any more taxes to the upper parrish so called in said town after the following date Biddeford March 9th, 1807.

Mehitable Gorden, Widow Jon.

Biddeford, March 11th. 1807
True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin T. Clerk

Biddeford
April 1st 1808 Mr. Robert Patten enters his name as becoming a Member of the first parrish in said Town.

Robert Patten

Biddeford Decr. 26th, 1812 I hereby enter my name to be a Member of the first Parish in said Town.

Nathl. Goodwin

Biddeford February 3d 1813
I hereby enter my name as being a Member of the first parrish in said Town.

Jacob Bridges

February 9th 1813
We the under signers hearby enter our names as becoming Members of the first parris in the Town of Biddeford.

Stephen Field
Samuel Smith
Obed Hooper

March 9, 1813
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March 2d, 1818 We the Subscribers consider ourselves as Members of the Second Religious Society in Biddeford and request the Clerk of said Town to enter our names as Members of said Society.

Isaac Emery
S. P. Gookin
James Means
Moses Bradbury Jnr.

True Entry
Attest
Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

1818
We the Subscribers consider ourselves Members of the Second Religious Society in the Town of Biddeford and hereby request the Clerk of said Town to enter our names

as bein members of said Society, March 7th, 1818.

Thomas B. Tufts
Ebenezer Perkins
Jotham McIntire
Jotham Gilpatrick Jnr.
Isaac Bickford

March 10th 1818.
True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Biddeford March 9th 1818 To Edmund Coffin Esqr. Clerk of the Town of Biddeford. Sir we wish you to enter our names on the Town Record as belonging to the Second Religious Society in said town to pay our parrish tax there.

Joshua Smith
Joshua H. Bradbury
Jere C. Stimpson
Daniel Gookin
Thomas Rumery
Paletiah Bickford
Jesse Smith

March 10th 1818
True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

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We certify that Margaret McIntire of the town of Biddeford is a Member of the religious society in Lyman called Baptist. Lyman Hollis February 13th 1813.

John Dennet)
Benj. Burnham) Committee

Biddeford 15 Feb. 1813
True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

We certify that John Plaisted of Biddeford has statedly attended with the Religious Society called Methodist in Hollis. March 9th 1813

John Clark)
William Wadlin) Committee
Joseph Wadlin)

Biddeford March 10th 1813
True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

We certify that Daniel S. Hooper of Biddeford is a Member of the Methodist in Hollis.
March 8th 1813

John Clark)
Wm. Wadlin)
Joseph Wadlin)

March 15th 1813
True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin T. Clerk

Extracts from Town Records

March 4, 1815 We the under signers consider ourselves as Members of the first parrish in Biddeford.

John Gray.

(Note: No other name signed with Gray in original record.)

Fryburg January 25th, 1816

Whereas Capt. Seth Spring of Biddeford having expressed a desire of joining in Religious Worship with & becoming a Member of the First Universal Christian Society in Fryburg this therefore may certify that he has actualy become a Member of and united with said Society in religious worship.

Jeremiah H. Eastman Clerk

February 3d 1816
True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

March 7th 1816 We the Subscribers hereby sertify that we enter our names as becomming Members of the Second parrish in Biddeford.

Obed Hooper

(Note: Only one name signed).

Lyman October 11th 1817
We certify that John Nason of Biddeford is a Member of the Religious Society in Lyman called Baptist.

John Dennet)
Benja. Burnham) Committee

Jany. 22d 1818
True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

We certify that Roger Curtis is a Member of the religious Society in the town of Wells called the Kennebunk Christain Society.

Dated this sixth day of Eebruary A. D. 1818

Samuel Davis)
Samuel Parsons) Committee

Febry. 23d 1818
True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin T. Clerk.

Extracts from Town Records

We certify that Abraham Davis is a Member of the Religious Society in the Town of Wells called the Kennebunk Christian Society - Dated this first Day of July A.D. 1818.

Samuel Parsons) Committee
Samuel Davis)

July 7th 1818 True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Known all by thes presence that I Jeremiah Hill of Biddeford in the County of York esquire in consideration of Sixty Dollars paid by James Maxwell Jnr. of said Biddeford Merchant the receit where of I do hereby acknowledge do hereby sell, convey & quit claim all my right title & interest in a certain pew in the new Meetinghous at Saco falls in said Biddeford belonging to the second religious society in said Biddeford as appears by a Certificate of the Committee of said Society dated March the tenth, 1806 No. 47. To have & to holde to him the said James Maxwell for his heirs & assigns to his & their use and behoof forever, that I have good right to convey the same as aforesaid, & that I will warrant & defend the same against the lawful claims & defences of all persons claiming for by or under me -

In witness here of I have hereunto set my hand & seal this thirty fourth day of April in the year of our Lord 1812.

Signed sealed & delivered
in presence of
John Dermer Jere Hill
Joshua Tolford

Yorks April 24th 1812 then the above named Jere Hill personly acknowledged the foregoing or above instrument to be his free act & deed before me.

Samuel Peirson J-Piece

Biddeford April 29, 1813
True Copy Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

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Members of the Union Society

We certify that Limuel Emery of the town of Biddeford is a Member of the religious Society in the town of Saco called the Union Society. Dated this 15th day of April A.D. 1819.

Daniel Dennett)
James Rofs) Committee
Nicholas Scammon)

Extracts from Town Records

We certify that Obed Hooper of the town of Biddeford is a Member of the Religious Society in the town of Saco called the Union Society. Dated the 15th day of April A.D. 1819.

Daniel Dennett)
James Rofs) Committee
Nicholas Scammon)

We certify that Benjamin Coombs of the town of Biddeford is a Member of the religious Society in the town of Saco called the Union Society. Dated this 15th day of April A.D. 1819.

Daniel Dennett)
James Rofs) Committee
Nicholas Scammon)

We certify that Elias Pike of the town of Biddeford is a Member of the Religious Society in the town of Saco called the Union Society. Dated at Saco this 15th day of April A.D. 1819.

Daniel Dennett)
James Rofs) Committee
Nicholas Scammon)

We certify that John Tyfield of the town of Biddeford is a Member of the Religious Society in the town of Saco called the Union Society. Dated this 15th day of April A.D. 1819.

Daniel Dennett)
James Rofs) Committee
Nicholas Scammon)

We certify that Limuel Rofs of the town of Biddeford is a Member of the religious society in the town of Saco called the Union Society. Dated this 15 day of April A.D. 1819.

Daniel Dennett)
James Rofs) Committee
Nicholas Scammon)

We certify that Enoch Smith of the town of Biddeford is a Member of the Religious Society in the town of Saco called the Union Society. Dated this 15 Day of April 1819.

Daniel Dennett)
James Rofs) Committee
Nicholas Scammon)

Extracts from Town Records

We certify that John Allds of the town of Biddeford is a Member of the Religious Society in the town of Saco called the Union Society. Dated this 15th Day of April 1819.

Daniel Dennett)
James Rofs) Committee
Nicholas Scammon)

We certify that Thomas Rumery of the town of Biddeford is a Member of the religious society in the town of Saco called the Union Society. Dated this 15th day of April A.D. 1819

Daniel Dennett)
James Rofs) Committee
Nicholas Scammon)

April 20th 1819
True Entry of the above nine certificates.
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Members of the first Parrish

Edmund Coffin Esq. Clerk of the Second religious society in Biddeford -

Being desirus of a dismission from said second religious society in Biddeford I hereby leave my name with you & inform you that thence forward I shall not consider myself a Member of said Society- agreeable to the 5th section of an action Entitled an act to incorperate certain persons by the name of the second Religious Society in the town of Biddeford passed June 23d 1791.

Biddeford March 11th 1818 Samuel Peirson

In conformity to the above)
I also leave my name with)
you as not belongin to)
said Second Society.) Jere Hill Jn.
March 11th 1818
True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Clerk of said Society - and Clerk of said Town.

To Edmund Coffin Esq. Town Clerk and also Clerk of the 2d Religious Society of the Town of Biddeford - We the Subscribers lately Members of the 2d Religious Society in Biddeford request you to enter our names as belonging to the first religious Society in said Biddeford March 4th 1818

Daniel Stone	Daniel Fofs
Ezre Dean	Chrisp. Bradbury
Phinehas McIntire	Wm. Googins
James Murch	Limuel Emery
Jere Hill	Simeon Goodwin

Biddeford March 11th, 1818 True Entry Edmund Coffin Town Clerk-and Clerk of the 2d Religious Society in said Town.

Extracts from Town Records

To Edmund Coffin Esq. Clerk of the Second Religious Society in Biddeford - The Subscriber hereby gives notice of his intention to recead from said Society.
Biddeford 6 March 1818

Rubh H. Greene

Receivd. by me & Recorded
March 9th 1818 True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk and Clerk of said Society

Saco August 6th 1818
We certify that Benjamin Gordon of Biddeford is a member of a Religious Society in Saco Called Methodist.

Daniel Dennet) Committee
John Bryant)

True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin T. Clerk.

This may certify that Joseph Gilpatrick of Biddeford is a Member of the Religious
Society called Methodist - November 14th 1818.

Jere H. Gilpatrick) Committee
Joseph Wadlin -)

Recorded Nov. 23d 1818
Attest Edmund Coffin T. Clerke

1818
March 15 to the Clerke of the town of Biddefor this is to certify that I consider myfelf a Member of the first Parrish in said Town from the date here of.

Peter Smith (sined

True Entry
Edmund Coffin Clerk.

We certify that Joseph Gordon of the town of Biddeford is a Member of the Religious Society in the town of Saco called the Union Society. Dated the 15th day of April A.D. 1819

Daniel Dennett)
James Rofs) Committee
Nicholas Scammon)

We certify that Stephen B. Richards of the town of Biddeford is a Member of the Religious Society in the town of Saco called the Union Society dated this 15th day April A.D. 1819 -

Daniel Dennett)
James Rofs) Committee
Nicholas Scammon)

Extracts from Town Records

We certify that Nathaniel Goodwin Esq. of the Town of Biddeford is Member of the Religious Society in the town of Saco called the Union Society Dated this 15th day of April A. D. 1819.

Daniel Dennett)
James Rofs) Committee
Nicholas Scammon)

April 23d 1819
True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

We certify that Daniel Goodwin of the town of Biddeford is a Member of the Religious Society in the Town of Saco called the Union Society dated this 15th day of April A.D. 1819.

Daniel Dennett)
James Rofs) Committee
Nicholas Scammon)

April 23d 1819
True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Know all men by thefe prefence that I Edmund Wingate of NewburyPort in the County of Essex Marrinner in consideration of the sum of thirty one Dollars paid by Joseph Smith yeoman andNicholas Murch marriner both of Biddeford in the County of York the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge - do hereby give, grant bargain sell and convey unto the said Joseph & Nicholas their heirs and afsigns forever a certain pew on the ground floor in the meeting houfe situated in the First Parish in Biddeford being the Second Wall Pew on the Southwest side of the Pulpit lately the property of Dean. Simon Wingate.

To have and To hold the afore - granted and bargained premifses with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof to the said Joseph and Nicholas their heirs and afsigns to their ufe and behoof forever - and I do covenant with the said Joseph and Nicholas heirs and - afsigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premifes; that they are free of all incumbrances: that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Joseph and Nicholas to hold as aforesaid - and I will warrant and defend the same to the said Joseph and Nicholas their heirs and afsigns forever againft the lawful claim and demands of all persons. In witnefs: Whereof I the said Edmund Wingate have hereunto set my hand and seal this First day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and three - Edmd. Wingate

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us:
Samuel Peirson Cyrus King

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To Prentis Mellen Esqr. one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of York -

Samuel Emery Jr. of Biddeford in said County marrinner shews to you Hereas that at seven of the clock on the morning of the 3d Day of August instant he took up in his inclosure in said Biddeford Viz: his garden surrounded by good and legal fence a certain black cow with some few white spots then doing damage said cow belongs to Josiah Long of said Biddeford Joiner and your complainant then & there and there impounded said cow his barn in said Biddeford where she now remains - Your complainant further shews that within one hour after takeing up and impounding said cow as aforesaid he gave due notice of the same to said Long and gave him in writing the amount of the sum which he demanded as damages for the injury dun him by said cow - and in as much as now the twenty four hours have elapsed since said notice was given and the said Long has not paid the damage demanded as aforesaid being ten dollars nor replevied the same cow - your complainant prays that a warrant may isue in due form to some disinterested judicous persons to estimate the said damages dun to him by said cow and also to appraife said cow - Auguft 4th - 1803.

Samuel Emery Jr.

York fs Auguft 4th 1803
Sworn to before me
Prentis Mellen Justice peace

To Mr. Ephraim Lock and Edmund Coffin two disinterested judicious persons -

Complaint having been made to me as above you are hereby impowered and required faithfully and impartially to estimate the damage complained of in said complaint and also to appraise the said cow at her juft and true value: haveing been first sworn before me you will perform the duties herein afsigned as soon as may be and then make return of this warrant and your doings therein into the office of the Town Clerk of Biddeford aforesaid. Dated at 10 of the clock in the forenoon this 4th Day of August A.D. 1803 -

Prentis Mellen Justice Peace

York fs Auguft 4th 1803 then the before named Ephraim Lock and Edmund Coffin severally made oath that they would faithfully and impartially estimate the damage mentioned in said complaint and appraise the cow therein mentioned at her just value.

Before me Prentis Mellen Just. peace.

Justices fees	cent.
Compt. and Wt.	50
Sweareing apprs.	20
	70

Biddeford 4th Auguft 1803

Agreeable to the within Receipt to us directed we have appraised the damage dun by said cow to said Emery as aforesaid at nine dollars and fifty cents and the cow at sixteen dollars and fifty cents.
Witnefs our hands the Day and year above named -

Ephraim Lock
Edmund Coffin

Appraifers fees $1.50

Total of charges $2.20 two dollars and twenty cents.
Atteft
Recorded Per me R. Triftm. Jordan Tn. Clerk
Auguft 6th 1803

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(Note: Call for Annual Town Meeting of March 7, 1803 contains the following items.)

Appears on p. 137 Book III

2d To choose a health committee to prevent the spreading of any malignent fever or other contagious sicknefs in said town agreable to the laws of said Commonwealth.

3d To see if the town will vote that the spring term of the supreme judicial court should in future beholden at Wells, and the fall term at Alfred, agreable to the order of the court of general sefsions of the peace holden at Wells in October last.

4d To see if the Town will renow or overhall the jury boxes in said Town.

Given under our hands at said Biddeford the eleventh day of Febry. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three.

Robert Gilpatrick) Selectmen
Seth Spring) of
Said Town

Agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and notification the following votes where pafsd.

Votd. Captn. Seth Spring moderator to regulate said meeting.

Voted to choose a health committee to consist of three. Votd. Batcheldor Bunker, Captn. Jotham Perkins and Ichabod Fairfield a health committe.

Voted that the Spring Term of the Supreme Judicial Court should in future be holden at Wells and the

fall term at Alfred agreable to the order of the court of general sefsions of the peace holden at Wells in October laft.

Attest R. Triftm. Jordan Town Clerk

Biddeford March 2d 1803

Begun at Biddeford and Arrundel Line between Persia Bickford and Andrew Staples land and run north 50 De. E. 37 Rods between Andrew Staples and Benja. Coles land then north 60 East 120 Rods through Benja. Coles land then South 65 D. E. 26 Rods then north 66 De. East 50 Rods to John Tarboxes Land then Southeast 22 Rods between said Cole and Tarbox to Phineas McIntire Land then north 86 De. East 66 Rods to the Widow Moores Land then Southeast 30 Rods to the Post Road always allowing said Road to be three Rods wide - the Parties agree to give said land for said Road to the town of Biddeford - the above Road was laid out at the request of John Tarbox and others -

Seth Spring) Selectmen
Robert Gilpatrick) of Biddeford.
Atteft R. Triftm. Jordan Town Clerk.

Voted the Town except the above report of the road laid out by the Selectmen through John Tarboxes Land and others provided the owners of the land where the road is to pafs give it to the town -

Attest R. Triftm. Jordan Town Clerk

To Thomas Smith one of the Constables of the Town of Biddeford - Greeting -

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town quallified by law to vote in Town meeting Viz such as pay to one single tax beside the Poll or Polls the sum equal to two thirds of single poll tax to meet and afsemble at the new meeting house on the fourth day of July at three of the clock P.M. to act on the following articles -

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2d To see what further sum of money the Town will Raise to defray charges against said Town.

3y To see if they will grant a road or Highway to be ld. out Beginning where the old meeting house formerly stood from thence as the Old Road formerly went to meet Arrundel Road -

Given under our Hands and Seals this 22 Day of June 1803.
Seth Spring) Selectmen
Robert Gilpatrick) of Biddeford

Met agreable to the foregoing warrant and notification and votd. Mr. Benja. Staples moderator to regul. said meeting. Voted to adjourn to the third Monday in July at four oclock in the afternoon then to meet at the old meeting houfe -

Met agreable to adjournment -

Voted not to raife any money -

Votd to accept a part of the Newtown Road so cald. as laid out by the Selectmen as far as R. Edgcomb Nasons norwest corner provided the owners of the land where the road is to pafs will give it to the Town for that purpose - as pr. the Surveyors minutes on file of laying the aforesaid road and a plan of the same -

Atteft R. Triftm. Jordan Town Clk.

Minutes of a Road beginning at the N. E. Corner of Josiah Gilpatricks Land and running nearly N. W. 8 Rods to the Road 3 ¼ S. W. of the West Corner of Mifs Tarboxes Houfe the Road is two Rods wide and contains four fifths of one Eight of an acre the well is to be improvd. by each the said Gilpatrick to pay the Widdow Sarah Tarbox Eighteen Dollars agreable to the Selectmens aprisial and also to make the fence on both sides of the Way -

Biddeford July 18th 1803.
Robert Gilpatrick) Selectmen of
Josiah Hill) Said Town.

Voted to exceept the above Way.
Atteft R. Triftm Jordan Town Clerk.

We the Subscribers do agree to build the partition fence in the meddow between our land where the old fence now stands and from the meddow through the pasture an East Course to the Newtown Road so called, and we further do agree to build the fence by divisn. Firstly Phebe Armstrong to build from the Said Westerly Corner thirty three Rods to a little run through the fence from said run - Joshua Haley to build Eighty one Rods and Phebe Armstrong to build the remainder of said fence to the aforesaid Newtown Road so called -

Biddeford Novr. 16yh 1803 As witnefs our hands
Witnefs: Elihu Coffin Joshua Haley
R. Triftm. Jordan her mark
Phebe x Armstrong

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(Note: Following special actions taken at Annual Town Meeting in upper meetinghouse, March 5, 1804.)

Ten old Notes Layd before the meating by the Tresurer of said Town and considred of no vallue and voted that they bee Destroyed.

Agent for the Town of Biddeford in A complaint hear-after Mentioned. Voted that Ralph T. Jordan Esqr. bee Agent to attend the Supream Juditial Cort to git A fine abated against said Town on A complaint of the highways beeing out of repare from Kings Corner so cald to Arrundol Line.

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To the Clerk of the Town of Biddeford Sir:

We the subscribers wish you to insert our names as members of the second religious society in Biddef. in the Town Book September 6, 1803

Israel Pike, Josiah Stimson, Jere Hill Jnr.

Attest True Coppy of surtificte on file and was entered with me the 6 March 1804
Edmund Coffin Clerk of Said Town.

Biddeford 16 March 1804

Wee the subscribers consider ourselves members of the Second Religious Society in said town.

Benjamin Nason
Luke Brock
Robert Patterson 13 April 1804
Silvanus Lowell Jnr. 15 Oct.

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To Thomas Smith Constable of Biddeford -

These are to notify and wearn the mail inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford being twenty one years of age and upwards having a freehold estate with in the Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the vallue of sixty pounds to meete at the Lower meeting house in Biddeford on Monday the second day of April next at two oclock, after noon to give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth. Dated at Biddeford this Nineteenth Day of March 1804.

Ichabod Fairfield) Select Men
Josiah Hill

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Persuant to the within warrant I have warned the inhabitants of said Town qulifyed as therein exprsd. to meete at the time and place and for the poupose therein mentioned.

Thomas Smith Constable

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clark

Certificate of Votes Returd.

At a meeting of the male inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford in the County and district of York in the commonwealth of Mafsachusetts quallified by the constitution of said commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counselors, the said meeting being warned as the said constitution directs and holden on the second day of April being the first Monday of said Month A. D. 1804 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth, and Senators and Counsellors for said district.

Votes for the following persons were given in counted and sorted and record and declaration thereof made, as by said Constitution is Directed, Viz:

For his Exelency Caleb Strong, Thirteen Votes) for
the hono: James Sullavan, Ninety nine)Governor

For his Hono. Edward K. Robbins, thirteen Votes) For
William Heath Esqr. ninety seven) Lieutenant Governor

For the hono. John Lord, Sixteen Votes) For
Prentis Mellen Esq. twenty Votes) Senators and
John Woodman ninety nine -) Counselors
Joseph Bartlett eighty eight -)

Ichabod Fairfield)
Robert Gilpatrick) Selectmen
Josiah Hill)

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clark

No. 3 Warrant on File. 7 April 1804

Pursuant to Law of this Commonwealth the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Biddeford qullified according to the Constitution, having deen duly convened in Town meeting, on the seventh day of May current for the chois of Representative in the Legislature of this Commonwealth, did then & their

vote at sundre times and no choice was mad. Voted as follows Viz. -

First votes taken		2d	3d	4th
Prentis Mellen Esqr.	14	17	16	Voted
Capt. Seth Spring	10	13	13	to
Israel Lafsel	28	26	23	Disolve
Daniel Cleaves	2	1		the
Jeremiah Bettes	1	1	1	Meeting.
James Bradbury	1			
Ichabod Fairfield	1	Aaron Porter	1	

A true entry
Attest Edmund Coffin T. Clerk.

(Note: At Town Meeting of May 21, 1804, held in lower meeting house, it was voted to accept the following new road.)

2d Voted to accept the return of the above mentioned rode laid out by the selectmen of said town as pr. minutes of survey as follows & a plan there of on file, and to pay damages to Jeremiah Hill Esqr. for crofsing land of said Hills for the benefit of said rode agreable to the aprisement of the Selectmen, as of their certificate here after recorded & on file.
Attest, Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Minutes of the Courses & distances of a rode in the Town of Biddeford to lead by Saco River to Daniel Cleaves House. Laid out the 25 April 1804 as follows:
Begining on the south esterly side of the Road leading to winter harbor at a stake thence running South 65° East one rod acrofs land of Jeremiah Hill Esqr. to land of the Heirs of Benjamin Nason at point which is one Rod South West from the North East corner of said Heirs land, thence on the same course acrofs the corner of said heirs land 8 rods to the fence by the lane, thence South 83° East by sd lane 11 1/8 Rod to the N. W. Corner of Asa Clerks dweling house thence North 85° East 5 rods acrofs sd. Clerks land to Daniel Cleaves land. Said Road to bee two rods wide in every part and all on the North Esterly side of said Line.
Pepperrellboro 25 April 1804

Daniel Granger, Surveyor.

NB the N. E. side of said Rode crofses said Hills land 3 rods and takes about 4 square Rods of said land.

A True
Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin, T. Clerk.

L A I D out for the use of the Town of Biddeford A Town Road conforming as respects the courses and Distances and Bredth agreeable to the above certificate of survey and do apprise the land of Jeremiah Hill Esqr. which the Road takes together with a small angle which remains to the south west of said Road at Thirty Dollars -

Biddefor 25 April 1804

Ichabod Fairfield)
Josiah Hill)Selectmen

A true Entry Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

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Biddeford 2d January 1805

We the subscribers consider ourselves Members of the 2d Religious Society in Biddeford

	Mark Fernald
January 5th	John Haley
	Nicholas Berry
28	Asa Clark
February 28	John Plaisted
March 4	Samuel Worth
	Elijah Hood

Mr. Edmund Coffin, Sir pleas to record the name David W. Sanborn on the Town Book to pay tax to the Second Religious Society in Biddeford.

Biddeford 4 March 1804 David W. Sanborn

Biddeford 7 March 1805 We the Subscribers consider our Selves Members of the Second Religious Society in said Town.

		Daniel Stone
	March 11th	Nathaniel Cole
	25	Abraham Clark
1806	Jany. 31st	Stephen Bryant
		Samuel Emery
		John Stevenson
		William Maxwell
	February 4	Josiah Patterson
		Samuel Tarbox
	March 11	Theofilus his x mark Smith
		John Donnell
		James Conner

Extracts from Town Records

Biddeford 30 January 1807
We the Subscribers consider our Selves Members of the Second Religious Society in said Town.

	Daniel Fofs
Feby. 22nd 1807	Sam. Hubbard
	Jere Goodwin
10th March 1807	Nathl. Goodwin
12th	Samuel Tibbets
May 10th 1808	Westbrook Berry
March 30 1809	James Pinkham Junr.
	Reub. H. Greene
January 4th 1810	Jacob Bridges
April	John Brock
	Stephen Field
	Elisha Hill

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

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June 3d 1805 taken up a sray by me the Subscriber A black Mare about foreteen hands & an half high and has marks as follows Viz: has on the fore part of her hed a small white strip - and from the hoof to the ankle joint of one of her hind legs is White - the owner in applying to me the Subscriber may have said beast by paying the Expences if said beast is not strayd. or stolen from me before application is made for the said beast.
Biddeford June 10th 1805 Rishworth Jordan Jr.

We the Subscribers being called upon by Rishworth Jordan Jr. to appraise A horse said to bee A stray of a Black Collour about 6 years old and it is our oppinion that said horse or Mare is worth the Sum of thirty five Dollars.
Biddeford Sept. 7th 1805 Ichd Fairfield
Christopher Gilpatrick
Israel Lafsell
True Entry Attes Edmund Coffin T. Clerk.

Taken up by the Subscriber A white Ram with Horns & a crop of the left ear and a hole in the Right the owners may have it again by paying the forfit as the law Directs.
Biddeford October 22d - 1805 Jothem Perkins

True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin - Town Clerk.

Clerks fees - $ 0.25

(Note: Call for Annual Town Meeting "at the new Meeting House in the upper parish," for March 3, 1806 had the following special items.)

4 To see if the Town will Accept of a road layd out by the Select Men beginning near Ezra Coles House and extending on to the Post road near Enoch Smiths House.

6. To see if the Town will agree to let Swine run at large in said Town, inserted at the request of ten Freeholders.

7 To see if the Town will agree to have the anual Town Meeteings for the Choice of Town Officers &c. held in futer on the first Monday in Aprill annually & at the same place where the anual Town Meeting may be held for the choice of Governor, Lieut. Governor & Senators &c. alternately at each place of the Town as usual -

(Note: At the resultant Town Meeting the following were voted -.)

Surveyors of Highways and their Districts afsignd them -

William Gilpatrick district from Phillipsburg line to Kings Corner.
George Hooper do. on Desart Road.
Samuel Merrill do. from Springs Bridg to Arrundel.
Paltiah Bickford do. on Tattleborough Road.
Ephraim Lock do. from Kings corner to Benjamin Gilpatricks.
Benjamin Gorden do. to Ginnie road.
Andrew Smith do. to Arunal Line.
Capt. Israel Lafsel do. from Ginnie Road to Newtown Road.
Joshua Haley do. on Newtown Road.
Sylvester Haley do. from - do. to the Sea.
Thommas Hill on the New road by Ezra Coles.

Tything Men.

Andrew Smith	Capt. Noah Hooper
Edmund Perkins	Sylvester Haley

Voted to Revise the Jury Box & accordingly was don.

Voted to Reject a Petition for Swine to go at Large as is inserted in the article of the Warrant.

Voted that the Town Meeteings be held in futer agreable to the 7th article in the fore going Warrant.

Monneys Voted for Town expenses Viz:

For Schools.....	$ 600
To defray expences of said Town	500
For high Ways.....	1200

Price of Labour on high Way voted as follows $1 pr. day for each Man. Voted that 8 hours bee considered as one days work. Vote 75 cents pr. day for oxen & 33 cts. pr. Day for Cart & Wheels & 75 Cents for plow.

Voted to accept a Road Laid out by the Select Men agreable to the 4th article in the foregoing Warrant. A Scduale of the same as follows:

Beginning on the S. E. side of the parsonage thence N. W. 39 Rods thence N. 2° W 19 Rods to a stake thence N. 40° W. 26 Rods to Ollive Masons land thence N. W. 58 Rods to Land belonging to the heirs of Amos Gorden Deceased, thence N.50 W. 39 Rods thence N. 40° W. to 36 Rods to Colo. Jordans Land thence N. 65° W. 51 Rods thence N.W. 33 Rods to Capt. Benjamins Gilpatricks Land thence N. 12° W. 51 Rods to land belonging to the Heirs of Noah Nason Deceast. thence N. 12° W. 28 Rods, thence N. 25 W. 22 Rods to Jeremiah Hills land, thence N. W. 23 Rods to Doter. Aaron Porters land, thence the same Course 23 Rods to said Hills other Lot, thence the Same Course 13½ Rods to land belonging to the heirs of Obed Emery deceast. thence same Course 40 Rods to said Hills other lot, thence Same Course 26-2/3 Rods to Land belonging to the heirs of Elisha Gray deceast., thence 40 Rods same Course to the line between Enoch Smith Land & Phinehas McIntres Land, thence on said Line 40 Rods to the post Road. Said Road to be three Rods wide & the line delineated to bee the middle of said Roade, all which is Submitted to the Consideration of the Town.

Biddeford February 20th 1806.

Jere Hill)
Ichabod Fairfield) Select Men of Biddeford
Daniel Cleaves)

PS no Damages are afsefsed as none ware demanded.

True Entry.
Attest Edmund Coffin T. Clerk.

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Warrant No. 3 May 12th 1806

To Benjamin Nason Constable of the Town of Biddeford -
Greeting -

You are hereby Required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify & warn the Male inhabitants of said Town being twenty one years of Age & Residents in Said Town for the Space of one year next preceeding having A free hold Estate with in Said Town of the anual income of three pounds or any other Estate to the Vallue of Sixty pounds to Meete at the upper Meeteing house in Biddeford on Monday the twelfth Day of May Instant at two of the Clock in the after noon of said day for the purpose of Choosing one or More Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convenied & held at Boston on the last Wednes Day of May instant -

Given under our hands at said Biddeford the third day of May A. D. 1806.

Ichabod Fairfield) Select Men of
Daniel Cleaves) Biddeford

Attest Edmund Coffin, Town Clerk.

Biddeford 12 May 1806.

the Inhabitants of Said Town Met agreable to the above Said Warrant & made Choice of Mr. Ichabod Fairfield for Representative at the General Court to be convenied & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of said Month.

Attest Edmund Coffin, Town Clerk.

Where as A Dispute has arisen between Doter. Aaron Porter of Biddeford and Capt. William Freeman of said Town about their Respective Rights in a partition fence in the line between their lands or farms beginning at the mane Road to the hade of their land which is called about one mile. We the Subscribers Fence Viewers of the Town of Biddeford, duly Chosen and Sworn, having on the Appliction of the said Docter Aaron Porter and after having given Due Notice to the said William Freeman, Viewed the premises and duly confidered the matter in dispute have afsigned and do hereby afsign to each of the said parties his Share of said fence as follows, Viz:

The Said Docter Porter Shall Builde and keepe in repair a good & sufficient fence from A Stick Stuck up by four rocks marked F. W. to A White Maple tree Marked A. P. & 1806, and the Said Porter is to begin the Remainder of his fence at the outer end of the lot & to extend one half of the way back to the Said Maple tree Marked A. P. & 1806, the Said Freeman Shall Build or Repair & keepe a good suffitient fence from the Main Road to the Said Stick Marked F. W. Which is Eighty Rods, thence the Said Freeman is to build and keepe in good repair A Suffitient Fence from the Said Maple Marked A. P. & 1806 one half of the way to the owter end of Said Lot of Land. And we have Notifyed the Men to Make up their fence According to Law. this 12th Day of June 1806.

Given from Under our hands.

William Googins) Fence
Asa Clark) Viewers

True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin, Town Clerk.

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Monday April 6th 1807

Agreable to Warant & Notification there of Samuel Hubbard Esqr. was Chosen Agent to answer for said Town at the next Court of Common pleas to be held at York in & for the County of York on the third Monday of April next to answer to a presentment against said Town for not keeping in Repaire the High way Leding from the Mile Brook to Persia Bickford.

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

(Note: Following special action taken at a Town Meeting of April 6, 1807.)

At the above Meeteing the following Votes were taken by yes & Nay. Shall the Senators & Representatives of the District of York make application to the Legislature for their Consent to a seperation of the District of Main from the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts and that the Same may be Erected in to a State

yeas 4
Nays 61

Biddeford April 6th 1807

True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

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Deede

From George Chapman to Seth Storer Jr. Esqr.

Known all men by these presence that I George Chapman of Saco in our County of York, Cordwinder, in consideration of twenty two Dollars paid by Seth Storer Jnr. of Biddeford in our County of York Esqr. the receipt where of I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell & Convey unto the said Seth Storer Jnr. and to his heirs and assigns forever a Certain pew in the meeting house of the Second Religious Society in said Biddeford with all the privilages & appurtenances thereunto belonging intending hereby to convey all the right that accrued to Edmund Perkins by his purchase of the proprietors of the said pews. The said pew is the one conveyed by said Perkins to me as will appear by his dead to Me now on record referance being had there unto for a particular discription of said pew, to have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Seth and to his heirs & Assigns, to his & their use and Behoof forever and I do Covenant with the said Seth & With his heirs & afsigns, that I am lawfuly Seized in fee of the aforegranted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good Right to Sell and convey the same to the said Seth and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Seth & to his heirs & assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. In Witness whereof, I the said George Chapman & Sarah Chapman the wife of the said George in token of the relinquishment of my right of Dower, have hereunto set our hands & seals this Ninth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & fourteen.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered
in presence of us

Amos Mason
Frederick Storer

George Chapman
Sarah Chapman

York SS February 17th 1815

Then the above named George Chapman Acknowledged the above instrument to be his Free act & deed - before me.

James Gray, Justice of the peace.

True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin, Town Clerk.

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Biddeford April 4th 1808

The Inhabitants of Said Town being Assembled in Town Meetin Agreable to the fore going Warrant & Acted on the Same as follows Viz:

Ralph T. Jordan Was Chosen Moderator to regulate said Meeteing.

Votes to Choos a Town Clerk by the usual Sine of the hand & Edmund Coffin was Chosen & Sworn into office by Ralph T. Jordan Esqr. in open Town Meeteing.

Select Men
Capt. Israel Lafsell) and took the oath of Office
Allison Smith) before me Edmund Coffin,
Capt. Moses Bradbury) Town Clerk.

Voted to Choose all the other Officers by the usual Sine of the hand.

Voted that the Select Men be Afsessors for the year ensewing.

Voted to give a Treasurer $7 for his Services the year Ensewing & Daniel Cleaves Esqr. Was Chosen.

Voted to give a Collector 5 pr. ct for all the Money he Collects and pays over to the Treasurer.

Voted that the Collector precure bondsmen to the sattisfaction of the Select Men.
Benjamin Gorden, Constable & Collector & sworn into office by Ralph T. Jordan Esqr.

Surveyors of Highways

Joseph Goldthright	Daniel Hooper
Robert Rumery	Samuel Merrill
Capt. Nathaniel Goodwin	Benjamin Gorden
Capt. Israel Lafsell	Tomas Hill
Paletiah Bickford	William Benson
Moses Staples	

Voted that the former Surveyors of highways have liberty to work out the defitiency of their taxes on the highways on or before the first of July next.

Surveryors of Lumber Wood & Bark.

Edmund Coffin
Capt. Nathaniel Goodwin
William Stevenson Jnr.
Daniel Fenderson
Israel Pinkham
Luke Brock
Nathaniel Cole
Capt. Jothem Pearkins
Donald Cummings
William Maxwell
Asa Clark
Samuel Merrill
William Googins
Moses Bradbury
Benjamin Nason

Hog Reeves

Christopher Hufsey
Capt. Thomas Cutts
Noah Curtis
Capt. Israel Lafsell
Capt. James Murch
Asa Cole
Josiah Stimson
Trestram Morrill
Capt. William Benson
William Maxwell
Sylvester Haley
Tymothy Pearkins
Capt. Thomas Smith
Capt. Daniel Deshon
Noah Cole
Samuel Tarbox
Asa Clark
Jothem Molton
Jere Goodwin
Israel Pinkham

Fence Viewers & Field Drivers

Sylvester Haley
Trestram Morrill
Benjamin Gorden
Ebenezar Hill
Capt. Daniel Deshon
Piersa Bickford
Robert Rumery
Capt. Israel Lafsell
Thomas Hill
Asa Clark
Moses Wadlin
Christopher Hussey
William Benson
Joseph Gilpatrick
Thomas Benson

Helth Committee & Harbor Masters.

Capt. Israel Lafsell
Ralph T. Jordan
Sylvester Haley.
Christopher Hussey
Capt. Nathl. Goodwin

Committee to take Care of Winter harbor Beatch.

Sylvester Haley
Christopher Hussey
Noah Curtis

Surveyors of Logs

William Maxwell
Stephen Briant
Luke Brock
Nathaniel Cole
Capt. Noah Hooper
Westbrook Berry
Samuel Merrill
William Stevenson Jnr.

Lotlayers

William P. Hooper Elihu Coffin
Nahum Smith

Tything Men

Samuel Merrill Ebenezer Emery

Sealers of Leather

Israel Pinkham Jordan Smith

Moneys Voted to be raised by an Afsesment on the poles & Estates of the inhabitants of said Town Viz:

For the Support of Schools	$ 800
For Town Expences	400
For Making & Repairing highways	2000
Total	$3200

Voted Capt. Seth Spring & Samuel Hubbard Esqr. Agents for Said Town Agreable to the 6th article in the Warrant.

Voted to give the Same wages for Labour on the highways as was given the Last year.

Voted Said Town bee Divided into School Districts and that the Select Men bee a Comittee for that purpose.

Voted to Accept & Maintaine a bridge from Biddeford to Indian Island so far as Said Town Extends after Said Bridge is Built at or near the place where the old bridge formerly stood.

Voted to Adjurn this Meetein to the 9 Day of May Next & that the afore Said school Committee Make report of their Doings at Said Time.

True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin T. Clerk.

May 9th, 1808

Meet According to Adjournment & Made Choice of Israel Pike for Tything Man & Afsa Clark Pounkeeper

Voted to Accept the Report of the School Committee as follows Viz:

	District 1 From Phillips-Burg Line to Swanpond Bridge including the Waterboro Rode.....	$ 60.00
2d	From Swanpond Bridge to Widow Jamima Nasons including the post road to Arundal Line & the County Road by John Tarboxes to Arundal Line	$311.00
3	From the Widow Jamima Nasons to Guinea road also to include Asa & Benjamin H. Coles	$122
4	From Guinea Roade to Capt. John Emeryes including Said Guine roade to Capt. William Murches	$115.00
5	From Capt. John Emeryes to the Sea including Noah Curtis & by Little River to the Widow Stackpoles & also to include the inhabitants on Fletchers Neck & Captain Waldo Hils Childrin	96
6	To Comprehend the Inhabitants in Newtown (so caled) and the Oak Ridge, Guinea roade from Arundal line to Simon Emerys inclusive & also Town Road to Deacon Emeryes	96.00
	Sum Total	$800.

Biddeford April 11th 1808

Allison Smith)
Israel Lafsell) Committee
Mofes Bradbury)

True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

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To Benjamin Gorden Constable of the Town of Biddeford Greeting -

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify & warn the male inhabitants of said Town being twenty one year of age & residents in said town for the space of one year next preceading, having a freehold estate of the anual income of ten dollars or any estate to the vallue of two hundred Dollars to meete at the upper meeting house in said Town on Monday the Sevinteenth Day of October Instant at two oclock in the afternoon to see if the Town will confirm or make such alterations as they may think propper in the list of

persons which the Selectmen have appointed to serve as Jurers agreeable to an act pafsed by the General Court March the twelvth 1808.

Given under our hands & Seals at Biddeford, October the 6th 1808.

Allason Smith) Selectmen
Moses Bradbury) of
Israel Lafsell) Biddeford

True Copy
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Monday October 17th 1808

Met agreable to the foregoing warrant and Voted to accept of the Lists of Jurers as made out by the Selectmen with alteration of one name on the general & Travers Jury list.

True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

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To Benjamin Gorden Constable of the Town of Biddeford
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to summon & Notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qullified by law to vote in Town meeteing Viz such as pay to one single tax besides the pole or poles a sum equal to two thirds of a single pole tax, to afsemble at the upper Meeteing House in said town on Monday the sevinth day of Nov. next at ten oclock in the fore noon to act on the following articles Viz:

1 To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeteing.

2d To see if the Town will accept of any or all of the following Roads layd out by the Selectmen at the request of a number of Inhabitants of said Town Viz: one road beginning at the County road near Andrew Smiths & running acrofs the oak Ridge so called & continuing on to the sea -

See full detail p. 96

one other road beginning at the County road near John Staples from thence running by William Bensons & Joshua Haleys & Continuing on to the sea -

one other road Layd out in three directions to crofs Lightons point & to continue on to Pendelton Fletchers House - First Direction beginning at the county Road near Jonathan Tarbox Delling house thence through said Tarbox, Haley & Goldthwrits field, to lightons point.

Second Direction beginning at the Road near Sulvester Haleys Dwelling houses thence through said Haleys, & Goldthwrits field & so on to lightons point. - Third direction beginning at the road near Joseph Goldthwrites thence through Jonathan Tarbox pasture to Lightons pointe, agreable to a return of said Rodes made by the said Selectmen.

Given under our hands & seals this 25 day of October 1808.

Allason Smith) Selectmen
Israel Lafsell) of
Moses Bradbury) Biddeford

True Copy
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Biddeford Nov. 7th 1808

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned & notified the inhabitants of said Town quillified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place & for the purpose within mentioned.

Benjamin Gorden, Constable

November 7th 1808

Meet agreable to the foregoing warrant and made choice of Mr. Daniel Cleaves for moderator to regulate said meeteing.

Voted to accept a part of the first mentioned rode in the above Warrant as laid out agreable to a plan & return of the Selectmen on file. Viz: Beginning at the middle of the rode North Easterly of Mr. Andrew Smiths house & on the line between Land of John Staples & Robert Benson thence South East on said line one hundred & fifty rods thence South thirteen degrees East on Land of said Benson forty rods - thence South forty three degrees east thirty eight rods to Land of Abraham Davis & through his land thirty four Rods to Land of John Davis - NB Accepted this rode so far as said Davises Land without any reserve.

Voted not to accept that part of said rode from Mr. John Davises on to the sea.

Voted not to accept the road near John Staples & by William Bensons & Joshua Haleys & on to the sea.

Voted not to accept either of the Rodes laid out in three Directions to crofs Lightons point and to continue on to Pendelton Fletchers house on the neck so called.

Voted to accept the rod as pricked out on the plan from letter B or near the widow Sarah Tarboxes house & to continue along the Beach to the crick so called.

True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

To Benjamin Gorden Constable of the Town of Biddeford, Greeting -

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to summon and Notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town quallified by law to act in Town Meeteings to afsemble at the upper meeteing house in said Biddeford on Monday the thirtieth day of January instant at ten of the clock in the forenoon by the peticler request of ten or more of the freeholder of said Town to act on the following articles.

1 To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeteing.

2 To consult upon the common good give instructions to our representatives and to request of the legislative body by the way of addrefs, petition or remonstrances redrefs of the rongs done us & of the grevances we suffer.

3 To raise any committees which may bee deemed expedien & to act on any resolutions which may bee presented conformable to the second article -

4 To appoin an ajent or ajents if necessary to carry the resolutions & doings of the town into effect. Given under our hands & Seals this twenty third day of January 1809.

Moses Bradbury) Select Men
Israel Lafsell) of Biddeford

True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

January 30th 1809

The inhabitants of said town being afsembled in town meeteing and acted on the foregoing warrant as follows Viz:

1 Choose Daniel Cleaves Esqr. Moderator to regulate said meeteing.

2 Voted to accept the following petition laid before the Town by Capt. Israel Lafsell an inhabitant of said Town of Biddeford as follows:
78 Votes in favour of the petition & 19 against.

To the Honourable Senate & House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court afsembled The Petition of the Inhabitants of Biddeford

That whereas by the Constitution of our choice it is expresly provided, that in time of danger & alarm the people may petition the legislature for a redrefs of their grevances, we your petitioners in pursuance of such right beg leave respectfuly to represent the dificulties and distress which we, in common with our fellow citizens endure.

Selected as you are from the great body of the people, for your integrity your patriotism and your wisdom, chosen for our Lawgivers, & the sworn gardiens of our liberty & our hapinefs, it is to you with implicit confidence we appeal to exercise those rights which the constitution has vested in you to remove the evils that afflict us & to restore to us once more oure prosperity & our peace

Gethered from every part of the State, to you must be fully manifest, the various troubles, the multiplied & increasing difficulties of these peculier and alarming times to relate our sufferings therefore, would not be to inform you, it would be mearly a detail & repetition of private & individual distrefs.

From the adoption of the Constitution of the United states to this time, we have invariably approved, admired & adhered to it, from the days of Washington, through each succeeding administration, we have regarded it as the strong bulwork of civil liberty, the great national rampart against foreing foes, to the laws we have paid impliciet and uniform obedience, and it is our firm & undeviating intention still to obey them

The preservation of the Constitution we consider of the highest importance, as it regards our freedom & hapinefs & it is our fixed determination to support, as far as in us lis the Union of the states

Confiding as we have, in the members of the present administration & beleving their acts & doings, as guided by their wishes for the welfare of our common country, we have borne with fortitude the measure that has peculierly distrefsed us. With them we wished that benefits might proceed from their experiment, & were willing to suffer temporary evil, that should redound to our lasting good, But after twelve months long & painful experience of this new & singuler pollicy, after foregoing all

foreing intercourse, & suffering many & grevious restrictions in our coasting trade, after seeing our property perishing on our hands, our debts increasing & our means to discharge them almost hopelefs, we are fully, Compleatly & thoroughly satisfied that it is a policy not dictated by wisdom, that it is a path of experiment leading strait onward to poverty & ruin.

The afsurance that Congrefs would, at the Commencement of the present sefsion immediately remove the Embargo was the inducement to bear with firmnefs a privation that we could not but deprecate and in consequence of this afsurance, we with others, had loaded our Vefsels, waiting each ensuing day, to be greeted with the joyful tidings that the embargo was removed, & we might take advantage of the first favouring breeze, we did waite - & if not patiently, at least with submition. And what has been sent us to gratify this longing expectation - We asked for bread, & we received a stone. - instead of leave to pursue our coasting trade in peace, instead of a removal of the Embargo,we have imposed on us, under colour of law, an act the most arbitary & opprefsive in its operation & unlimited in its duration - an act which makes the previous loding our vefsels a crime which requires bonds enormous in their penalties, which confounds the innocent with the guilty which converts intentions into overt makes mear suspition a cause of seizure, puts all proof on the Defendant, subjects them to heavy costs tho cleared, obstructs the freedom of conveyance, destroys the coasting trade, takes away in some instances the right of trial by jury, & in evry case puts it in the power of one man, by secret & arbitrary instructions to controule the general laws of the land - And if, as forseeing this was too much for poor Isacher to bear, they have determined to raise 50,000 volunteers in addition to the presant standing army apparently to enforce its obedience at the point of the bayonet.

It is a law of our Country and therefore we will obey it and tho we regard it as unconstitutional, yet we love too sincearly the Union of this our hitherto happy country to advise to individual resistance, But considering it a law ill contrived as fraught with danger to our peace & as destructive of our domestick trade, we will use evry lawful method to obtain its repeal.

As the immediate guardiens of our natural rights we therefore pray, that you will take into your consideration the deep distrefs we suffer, and that in your wisdom, you will devise such means as will remove the hevy prefsure, without committing the peace of the state or endangering the safety of the Union.

The petitioning to Congrefs, or any Course you may pursue, we have no doubt will be followed by the other New England States and when New England raises her united Voice we have the most entire confidence that the cruel and arbitrary laws which opprefs us will be repealed -

For this hoped for event, the harmony of the United States will be restored, returning trade will enliven our streets, our ships will again whiten the ocean, the produce of all Nations will once more flow in plenty to our Shores, the smiles of prosperity will revisit our faces, & the happinefs of our beloved Country will a second time be proverbial among men.

True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Voted to acept the following Resolutions

Where as the Institution of Government is to scure the existance of the body politick, & to protect it and to furnish the individuals who compose it with the power of enjoying in safty & tranquility their natural rights & the blefsings of life - & whenever those great objects are not obtained the people have a right to take measures necefsary for their safty, prosperity & hapinefs and whereas the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution nor prohibited by it to the States are reserved to the States respectively or to the people therefore,

1 Resolved that we will take all lawful measures to defend our natural rights & to protect our safety, our prosperity & our hapinefs - and that we will adhere to the Constitutions which secure to us these invaluable blessings.

2 Resolved that we will support the Administration of the General Government against all foreign aggrefsions & in evry case when it does not invade those rights secured to us by the Constitution.

3 Resolved that our fisheries & a free trade with nations at peace with us are efsential to our prosperity & enjoyment, & that as we derived from our forefathers the soil we cultivate, so also the liberty of traversing the ocean is our inheritance & our birth right.

4 Resolved that a perpetual embargo is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution of the United States, that in the right to regulate commerce with foreign nations is not contained a power to destroy it, - and that an act which at once confines us on the land to the lines of our teritories and blockkades us throughout our whole extent of sea coast is rather an act of imprisonment than Embargo, an act simeler to thofe for the regulation of jailes & like them requiring bonds for the liberty of going at large.

5 Resolved that the last law No. 5 the great Key stone of the embargo, is exprefsly, contrary both to the spirit & the letter of the Conftitution, destroying our safety & tranquility & subverfive of our natural & unalienable rights - because it is expost facto in its operation, thus establising iniquity by a law- because it obliges vefsels bound from one state to another to enter & clear because it requires of Costers the most opprefsive bonds compelling them to enter at the port designated in their clearance, forbidding their putting any article on bord any other vefsel, obliging them to unlode their whole cargoes, and if in case of ignorance, accident, distrefs, capture or lofs, they are out of time, subjecting them to multipliplied suits, in which all proof is put on the Defendants, & even if adjudged to be inocent they are condemned to pay all Costs,-because our persons, our houses & our effects are exposed to unreasonable searches & seizures, on the mear oppinion of a collector or subordinate agent - because the right of tryal by jury is in some cases taken away, - because there is authority given to one man to ifsue secret instructions which our courts of justice are bound to obey, altho, they directly contravene the established law.

6 Resolved that it is the sense of the inhabitants of this town that we as a people are not reduced to the misrable & gloomy alternatives of war, embargo or submifsion, that to us it appears a safe an honest & an honourable course was marked out by our beloved & glorious Washington in times more disasterous then the presant to our peace & to our commerce, which course may again be pursued - and even were we reduced to such alternatives that war itself is preferable to eternal embargo - perpetual Embargo being to us another name for pepetual slavery.

7 Resolved that we view with apprehention and alarm the enlisting of fifty thousand men in addition to the presant standing army & the 100,000 militia & the

giving the President the enormous power of appointing all the officers and employing them as he pleases, that we consider it a design to force upon us a law, contrary to our feelings, our property & our libertyes and that we look to our state legislature for aid and protection.

8 Resolved that a Committee shall forward the petition of the inhabitants of this Town to our Senators & Representative in the General Court with instructions to offer & support the same in the Senate & house of Resentatives.

9 Resolved that these Resolutions and the Petition of the inhabitants be published in the Freemans friend, & the Boston Gazett. -

True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Voted to choose a Committee of five to forward the petition of the inhabitants of this Town to the Legislature of this Commonwealth, & to carry the resolutions & doings of the town into effect - the Town then

Voted Capt. Israel Lafsell, Capt. Moses Bradbury, Benjamin Gordon, Samuel Hubbard, Esqr., Samuel Pierson Esqr. A Committee for that purpose.

Voted Samuel Pierson Esqr.,Samuel Hubbard Esqr., Capt. Israel Lafsel, Capt. Moses Bradbury, Benjamin Gordon, be a Committee to correspond with similar Committees of other Towns.

Voted to Disolve the Meeteing.

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

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(Note: Call for Annual Town Meeting of April 3d, 1809, contained the following items.)

7 To see if the inhabitants of said Town will Consent to have some alteration made in the Limets of the 2d School District in said town so that it may be made more for the convenience and benefit of said inhabitants.

8 to see if the Town will agree to set of Thomas Hill, Robert Davis, Asa Cole, Simon Emery, Benjamin H. Cole, John Staples, & others into a School District agreable to their Request.

9 to see if the Town will acept of a Road which may be Layd out by the Selectmen from the post road near the dwelling house of Limuel Fofs to the Eddy below Saco Falls & from thence to the upper landing so called in said Biddeford.

(Note: The Annual Town Meeting, held at the lower meeting house, took the following action on the above items.)

Voted
1 to accept the Proposed alteration in the 2d School Clafs in Biddeford. Viz:
the inhabitants to S. W. of Kings Corner to comprise one District or Clafs.

2 the inhabitants West of the crost road by Daniel Stones house & the Inhabitants N. west of Kings corner to the head of said Clafs to comprise the second district including Josiah Stimson.

3 The Inhabitants to the Eastward & Southward of the crofs Road to the southern bounds of said clafs to comprise the 3d district to be called the second clafs.

Voted to Set of Thomas Hill, Robert Davis, Asa Cole, Simon Emery, Benjamin H. Cole, John Staples & others into another school District agreable to their petition to the Select men which is inserted in the 8th article of the warrant.

No Vote taken on the 9th article in the Warrant.

Voted to disolve this Meeteing.

True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin T. Clerk.

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Where as a dispute has arisen between Jeremiah Hill Esqr. and Docter Aaron Porter, both of Biddeford about their Respective Rights in a partition fence in the line between their lands or farms, at Biddeford.
We the Subscribers, Fence Viewers of the Town of Biddeford, Duly Chosen & Sworn, having an Application of the Said Jeremiah Hill and after having given Due

notice to the Said Aaron Porter viewed the premises & duly concidered the matter in Dispute have afsigned & doe hereby afsigne to each of the said parties his share of said fence as follows, Viz: -

The Said Jeremiah Hill shall build & keepe in repaire a good & suffitient fence from the stone wall at the Southwest end of their mutual Road one hundred & two Rods to a post then the Said Porter is to build & keep in repaire a good and Suffitient fence Sixty four rods to the lower end of Said Hills upper field. Then the Said Hill is to build & keepe in good repaire alike Suffitient fence, forty rods by his said upper Field to the Southwest end there of then the Said Porter is to build & keepe in good Repaire alike Suffitient fence Seventy Eight rods to the old Crofs fence at the end of the old pasture so called.

Given under our hands at Biddeford this 23d day of June 1809.

Israel Lafsell) Fence
Asa Clark) Viewers

18 December 1809
To Jeremiah Hill Jnr. Collector of the Town of Biddeford, Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon & Notify the Freeholders & other inhabitants of said Town qullified by law to Vote in town Meeteings, Viz: such as pay to one single tax besides the pole or poles, a sum equal to two thirds of a single pole tax, to assemble at the lower Meeteing house in said town on Monday the Eightteenth day of December inst at ten of the Clock in the fore noon to act on the following articles Viz:

1 to choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeteing.

2 to see what Measures the town will take in respect to an Inditement against said town for a Deficiency in the highway in said Town from Kings Corner to Philipsburg -

3 to see what Measures the town will take in respect of the petition of Robert Benson for More Damages for an highway laid out by the Select Men of said Town & accepted not long since.

4 To see what Measures the Town will take respecting the petition of Jeremiah Bettis & others for a highway from Guinea road to the sea in said town laid out by the Select men & rejected by said Town.

5 To see what the town will do with respect to a petition of William Moody concerning a highway laid out not long since over Gooches Island (so Called) in said Biddeford.

Given under our hands & Seals this first day of December in the year of our Lord 1809.

Jere Hill) Select Men
Moses Bradbury) of
Israel Lafsell) Said Town

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Monday 18th December 1809. Meet & acted on the above Warrant as follows:

1 Voted Jeremiah Hill Esqr. bee Moderator to regulate said meeteing.

2 Voted the ajent for said Town attend to the Inditement of the road leading from Kings Corner to Phillipsburg and the Selectmen to Summon one or more witneses in said Cause if thought nessery.

3 Voted that a Copy of the article in the Warrant for calling the meeting relating to Robert Benson petition be given to the Agent for the Town, that Said Agent and one of the Selectmen be instructed to attend the next Court of Common Pleas & relate the facts with regard to the laying out of said road & of said Bensons title to the land for which he prays an increas of Damage & of his abcence from the Meeteing - that they be authorised at Court if they Judge best for the intrest of the town to agre with said Benson on a Committee to estimate the damages Sustaind.

4th Article in the Warrant petition of Jere Bettis & others.

Voted to instruct the agent & one of the Selectmen to procure a continuance of said Petition to ascertain if those persons who are desirous of a road to the sea be accomodated by the road prayed for in said petition.

5 Voted the agent for said Town attend to the petition of William Moodys concerning a rode ove Gooches Island in said Biddeford with one of the Selectmen of said Town.

True Entry
Attest Edmun Coffin T. Clerk.

(Note: Call for Annual Town Meeting of April 2, 1810, held in upper meeting house, contained the following items.)

4 to see if the Town will appoint an Agent or Agents to answer to the Court of Common Plees for not opening a supposed highway over Gooches Island (so called) in said Biddeford.

5 to see if the Town will appoint an Agent or Agents to answer for said town befor the same Court respecting the Acceptance of an highway cheifely new from Webber Corner in Alfred to Kings Corner in Biddeford agreeable to the Return of a Committee lately presented for Acceptance.

6 to see what Measures the Town will take respecting the Maintainance of the Poore in Said Town.

7 to see if the Town will accept of two roads laid out by the Salectmen the year past, one from the end of the road laitly accepted near robert Bensons on the oak ridge to the see Wall near Noah Curtises, the Other from the Mouth of the new Guinea road near John Staples to the Newtown road & to join the first road at Jesse Tarboxes - also to see if the Town will accept that part of a Road laid out by the former Selectmen Viz: from Arundal line near Jeremiah Bettises till it intersects the first mentioned Road.

8 to see if the town will set off those persons living at& from Kings Corner to the crofs road near Daniel Stones to the School Clafs at Saco Falls where they usualy & formaly sent their Childred for instruction.

9 to see if the town will set off the inhabitants on Fletchers neck into a separate School district agreeable to their request.

10 to see if the town will give liberty for swine to go at large in said town or any part there of.

11 to see what money the Town will raise to defray the Charges of said Town the year Insewing.

(Note: Following action was taken on above items.)

Samuel Hubbard Esqr. chose Agent for said Town & to attend to Court of Common Pleas agreeable to 4 & 5 article in the warrant.

Voted to Impower the Selectmen of the said Town to precure witneses in a cause of a road over Gooches Island

Voted to Adjourn this meeten to ½ past 3 Oclock this day.

Meet agreable to adjournment & acted as follows.

Voted that our agent be reques to oppos the highway lete presented for acceptance from Webbers Corner in Alfred to Kings Corner in biddeford & that the Select Men shall furnish him with Such Witneses as he shal think nessery respectin that part of said road in Biddieford

Asa Cole agres to take Jane Dreenk Waters Child one year at 3/ pr. week.

Jedediah McIntire agreas to take Jane Dreank Water for 1/6 pr. weeke & find her in clothe one year.

the Road beginnig at a road by Robert Bensons & leading on to the fee wall was not Accepte by faid Town.

The othe from the mouth of the new Guine road by John Staples not Accepted.

Voted those persons living at & from Kings Corner to Daniel Stones be sot of the School Clafs Agreable to their request in the 8 articl in the warrant.

Voted to Set of the Inhabitants on fletchers neck into a separate School District.

Money Voted	for Schools	$ 1000
do --	for highways	1200
do --	for Town Expenses	600
		2800

Vote that the anual Meeting bee held in March

True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin T. Clerk.

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(Note: Call for special Town Meeting held at upper meeting house, May 14, 1810, at 9 A.M. containes these items.)

2 to see what said Town will do respecting the Pound.

3 to Choose a pound keeper in the roome of Samuel Marshall who declines serving.

Monday May 14th 1810

Meet agreable to the foregoing warrant & acted on the same as follows.

1 Choose allison smith Moderator to regulate said meeteing.

2 Vote to build a pound on the Parsonage lot near whare the Revd. Mr. Morrill formerly lived.

3 Voted to Choose a Committee of 3 to build said pound & Allison Smith, Tristram Morrill and Benjamin Gorden were chosen for said Committee.

4 Tristram Morrill Chosen Pound Keeper.

True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

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We have agreed that the nonresident Proprietors of lands in the Town of Biddeford shall bee afsessed in the following School Districts. Viz:

Daniel Cole in the first district

Thomas Cutts to the falls district

Eliakim Emmons to the District South West of Kings Corner

John Eaton & Edmund Moody to the District North West of Kings Corner

Jeremiah Boothby, Andrew Staples, Jeremiah Staples to the third District.

Ebenezar Day to the District third

Docter Aaron Porter to the fifth District

Asa Stevens to the Fletcher neck District

Jabis Gorden to the oak ridge district

William Tod to the Guinea District

Given under our hands at Biddeford this thirteenth day of July in the year 1810

Jere Hill)
Josiah Hill) Select Men & Afsessors
Moses Bradbury) of Biddeford

Return of a Road from Andrew Smiths to the Sea -

Marginal Note: "Accepted by the Town" John Davis Land & recorded in page 82 (of these notes) see p83

Pursuant to a request in writing of Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford to us the Subscribers, Selectmen of said Town we have proceeded to view and lay out a road in said Town as follows to wit. Beginning at the middle of the road North Easterly of Mr. Andrew Smiths House and on the line betweene land of John Staples & Robert Benson - thence South East on said line one hundred & forty rods, thence South thirteen degrees east on land of said Benson forty rods, thence South forty three degrees east thirty eight rods to land of Abraham Davis & through his land thirty four rods to land of John Davis. see p.82

Thence South sixty five degrees west between land of said John Davis & Robert Benson twelve rods, thence South seventy Eightdegrees West on land of Robert Benson thirty rods thence South eighty one degrees west forty, three rods on land of Thomas Benson to Arundal old line so called thence South East on said line to wit between land of George Perkins, John & William Benson, one hundred & eighty four Rods and between land of Timothy Perkins & Wm. Benson twelve rods & between land of Timothy Perkins & the heirs of Col. Jordan Sixteen rods & between land of Jere Goodridge & the heirs of Col. Jordan deceast twenty two rods & between land of Said Goodridge & John Thomas one hundred & forty rods, and between land of said Goodridge & James Dearing twenty Eight rods, & between land of said Goodridge & Capt. Thomas Cutts twenty two rods, & between lands of said Cutts and Thomas Fletcher Eighty five Rods to Arundal Road.

Marginal Note: "This part of the road was not accepted from J. Davis's to arundal road" see p83

Thence North thirty seven degrees East between land of said Cutts & said Fletcher Nine rods & between land of said Fletcher & Jeremiah Bettis ten Rods, thence North Sixty three degrees East between land of said Fletcher & Bettis twelve Rods, thence wholly on said Bettis land elevin Rods to his house thence South sixty two degrees East twenty two rods thence South Sixty four degrees East nineteen rods to Land of Capt. Thomas Cutts & through his land (to wit) on said last course ten rods - thence North Seventy two degrees east fifteen rods thence North fifty three degrees East twenty one rods - thence North forty seven degrees east twenty two rods, thence North twenty one degrees East Seven Rods, thence North twenty degrees East ten rods thence North fifty one degrees East sixteen Rods thence North forty five degrees East twenty Six Rods, thence North Sixty three degrees East ten Rods - thence South Sixty degrees east sixteen rods - thence South twenty degrees East ten rods, South sixty Eight degrees East Ninety five rods, thence Due East fifty three rods to land of John Thomas thence North Seventy one degrees East twenty four Rods -

Marginal Note: "This part from Arundal Road to the sea is recorded by order of Court as follows" See 97, date 1810

thence North Sixty Seven degrees east thirty Rods - thence North fifty three degrees East fifteen Rods - thence South fifty five degrees East twelve Rods to land in Common between John Thomas and the Heirs of Col. Jordan, thence South Eighty Six degrees East twenty seven Rods, thence South Sixty degrees East twenty rods to lands of Michiel Rosepher & on Said cours 26 Rods, thence South Sixty Eight Degrees East forty one rods to the Sea. As deleniated on a plan to accompany to this return and said road to be three rods in width in evry part and the said course run to be in the middle of said road.

And have afsefed Damages to the Persons following to wit to Robert Benson fifty Dollars, to Michel Roseter thirty Dollars.

Biddeford November 7th 1808

Allason Smith)
Israel Lafsell) Select men of Biddeford
Moses Bradbury)

Recorded by order of Court as follows December 16th 1810
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massechusetts

York ss. at the Court of common Pleas begun and holden at York with in and for the County of York on the third Monday of April being the sixteenth day of said month, Ano Domini 1810.

Presant the Honorable Nathaniel Wills, Jonas Clark and John Woodman, Esquires, Justiees of said Court.

Jeremiah Bettis and others inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford in the County of York petitioners shewing that at a publick meeteing of the Inhabitants of said Town regularly notified and holden on the seventh day of November 1808 the Select men of Said Town Reported to said town a certain way as here after discribed, laid out by them, for the use of said Town to wit beginning at the middle of the road Northwesterly of Andrew Smiths house on the line between land of Robert Benson, John Staples, thence in a direction to the sea through land of Robert Benson, Abraham Davis, John Davis & Robert & Thomas Benson & between land of George Perkins & William Benson between land of Timothy Perkins & heirs of the late Col. Jordan between land of Jere Goodrich & said heirs, between land of said Goodrich & John Thomas, between land of said Goodrich & James Dearing, between land of Said Goodrich and Capt. Thomas Cutts between land of Said Cutts and Thomas Fletcher to

Arundel Road, Thence between land of said Fletcher & Jere Bettis, & over Said Bettis land & by his land to land of Said Cutts, & over Said Cutts land to land of John Thomas, over said Thomas land to land owned in Common by said Thomas & heirs of Col. Jordan to land of Michal Roseter & on Said Roseter land to the sea wall at highwater mark. -

And that said town unreasonably refused & delay to allow, approove & put on record the most useful & convenient part of said road, to wit that part as discribed from Arundal Road to the Sea whereby the petitioners are injured & aggrieved. Wherefore they pray this Court to Confirm the doings of Said Select-men in this behalf or to appoint a committee to locate said road & estimate the damages occsioned thereby - This petition was entred at Sept. term last, when notice was ordred to be given to said Town of Biddeford to appear at last term - and the petition was continued to January term last and thence to this term - & now the petitioners appear And the said Inhabitants of Biddeford having been duly notified, appear by their agent & after a full hearing thereon it appearing to the Court that the Inhabitants of Said Town of Bidde-ford had Accepted a part of said town way to wit, from the Commencment there of at Andrew Smiths to John Davises land & it further appearing to the Court that said in-habitants unreasonably delay & refuse to allow & put on record an other part of said town way Viz. from Arundel Road to the end of said town way at the sae wall - it is there fore considered by the Court that the doings of said Select men in locating said town way from said Arundel road to the sea wall, on the Courses mentioned in said return be accepted, approved and confirmd. And that the same be recorded by the town clerk of said Biddeford in the town book Accordingly.

Attest Daniel Sewall Clerk

Memo Leave is granted to take out)
the Original return leaving a Copy)
Copy of Record examined Daniel Sewall Clerk.

True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk
December 21st 1810

To Jeremiah Hill Jnr. Constable of the Town of Biddeford
Greeting

You are here by required in the name of the Common-wealth of Mafsechusetts to Sumon & notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town quallified by Law to Vote in town meetings, to afsemble at the upper meeteing

house in said Town on monday the twenty fourth day of December instant at one of the Clock in the after noon to act on the following articles viz:

1 to choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.

2 to attend to the regulating the Jury Box in Said town as adjusted by the Select men & make such alterations & amendments in either or Both Boxes as they may Judge propper.

3 to Appoint an Agent or Agents to answer to the Action of the Inhabitants of the Town of Phillipsburg before the Court of Commonpleas next to be holden at Alfred in this County for Supplying one Mary Davis (when Sick) said to be a pauper belonging to this Town -

Given under our hands & Seals at said Biddeford this tenth day of December 1810.

Jere Hill) Selectmen of
Josiah Hill) Biddeford

True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin, Town Clerk.

York fs Biddeford Dec. 14th 1810

Pursuant to the within notice, I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town to appear as within directed by posting up notifications at the upper & lower meeteing houses in said Town as the Law directs.
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Monday December 24th 1810

Meet agreable to the foregoing warrant & Acted on the same as follows, Viz:

1 Made choise of Jeremiah Hill Esqr. Moderator to regulate said meeting.

2 Voted to accept the Jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

3 Voted to choose Jeremiah Hill Esqr. as Agent for the purpose mentioned in the warrant.

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Members of the 2d Religious Society

To the Clerk of the town of Biddeford we the Subscribers wish you to insert our names as members of the Second religious society in said Town in the Town Book.

March 8th 1811

Ezra Dean
Israel Clifford
Stephen E. Cole

(Note: Following above entry is the record of a deed from Ebenezer Hill to Seth Storer Jr., transferring "the corner pew in the North East Corner...as has been improved by said Hill" in the Meeting house of the Second Religious Society. Deed executed April 12th 1814 with Daniel Granger & W. P. Prible as witnesses.) Purchase price was $25.

(Note: Call for Annual Town Meeting, held in lower meeting house at 9 A.M., March 4, 1811, contained this item.)

To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to settle with Robert Benson respecting a road laid out through his land by the Selectmen or Discontinue the same.

(Note: Following actions taken at meeting of March 4, 1811 - the Inspector of Beefe and Fire Wards appear for first time.)

Voted to discontinue the Road From the old Guinea Road near Andrew Smiths Leading on to the Oak ridge (so called) as far as John Davises Land.

Inspector of Beefe Daniel Stone

Voted Daniel Cleaves Esqr.)
Capt. Samuel Merrill) for Fire wards.
Majer John Spring)

(Note: Call for special Town meeting, held at lower meeting house, at 1 P.M. April 1st 1811, contained the following items:)

2 to see if the Town will Vote to accept of the doing of the Select men in Running out Som town Roads agreable to the request of sundry inhabitants.

3 to see if the town will vote to reconcider the discontinung of the road from Oak ridge to the Guinea Road so called.

4 to see if the town will choose a committee to settle with Capt. Thomas Cutts respecting damages of a road through his Land and other should it be nessary.

(Note: Following action taken at meeting on above items.)

Monday April 1st 1811

Meet agreeable to the foregoin warrant & Acted on the same as follows -

1 Made choise of Capt. Israel Lafsell for Moderator to regulate said meeting.

2 Voted to accept a Road from Arundal Line on the oak ridge near by George Perkins house & to continue on to William Bensons, agreable to the following Courses & distanses.

3 Voted to accept the Road from John Davise on to Jeremiah Bettises agreeable to the return of the Selectmen as follows & pay Damages as afsesed by the Selectmen:

Beginning at Arundal Line near by George Perkins & from thence Running N. 82° E 60 Rods on Land of James Benson thence 20 rods on land of George Perkins thence 14 rods between land of Thomas & James Benson thence 28 Rods on Land of Thomas Benson thence between land of Thomas & Robert Benson 10 rods, thence N. 72° rods through Lands of Robert Benson, thence N. 63° 7 rods on John Davises Land thence N. 90° E thirty eight rods between land of John & Abraham Davis to John Davises house - thence S. 37° E 60 rods thence S. 28° E 20 Rods on land of John Davis & twenty eight rods on land of Thomas Davis thence S 40° E 45 Rods between land of Thomas Davis & Dominicus Smith, thence S 45° E 128 on land of Joseph Thomas (joining to land of John Davis the road to be all on Thomas Land) thence S 9° E 34 Rods & S 43° E 26 rods on land of Capt. Thomas Cutts called the Wetherby farm thence South 46° E 18 Rods on Land of Andrew Stagpole thence S 34° E 51 Rods on land of Jeremiah Bettif to the new road leading from Arundal Line to the Sea by said Bettis house -

Thence Beginning at the hous of John Davis & running from thence N. 35° E 17 rods thence N. 52° E 20 Rods thence N.E. 32 Rods, thence N. 33° E 28 rods thence N 63 E 8 rods on Land of Abraham davis thence N 53° E 30 rods thence N 30 E 14 Rods on land of William Benson near to his dwelling house, as delineated on a Phlan to accompany this return, Said road to bee two Rods wide in Evry part & said courses as run to bee the middle of the road -

And have assessed damages to the followin persons, Viz To Joseph Thomas Sixty Four Dollars, to Jeremiah Bettis Thirty Six Dollars.

Biddeford March 29th 1811

Nathaniel Goodwin) Selectmen
John Spring) of
Josiah Hill) Biddeford

3 Voted to not Accept that part of the road Leading from William Bensons to the Guine Road near to John Staples house.

4 Voted to Accept the Newtown Rod So Called agreable to the return of the Selectmen which is as follows

Pursuant to a request in writing of a number of the Inhabitants of the town of Biddeford to us the Subscribers, Selectmen of said Town We have proceeded to view & have run a line for Said Road in said town as follows Viz:

Beginning at the end of Newtown road (so called) at the North West corner of Land formerly Edgecomb Nasons near where Jordan Smith now lives - & running S. 28 Rods by said Nason and Smith thence S. 46° W 29½ rods by said Nason & Mrs. Armstrong Land thence S. 15° W 12 Rods between Said Nason & Tymothy Perkins land, thence thirty rods between land of said Nason & the heirs of Col. Jordan thence S. 37° E 47 rods between land of said Nason & Sylvester haley thence S 43 W 28 Rods Between said Haley & Jeremiah Bettifs land thence S. 19° W 12 rods between land of said Bettifs & Jesse Tarbox thence on said Tarbox 12 rods, thence S 25° W 25 rods to Land of Jeremiah Bettifs as deleniated on a plan to accompany this return and said road if accepted by Said Town to be two rods in weedth in evry part thereof & Said Courses run to be the middle of Said road.

Biddeford March 29th 1811

Nath. Goodwin) Selectmen
John Spring) of
Josiah Hill) Biddeford

5th Agread to not tak any Vote on Reconcidering a vote passed at the anual Meeteeing in March to discontinue a Road Leadind from the Guinea road begining near Andrew Smiths & between Land of John Staples & Robert Benson & Leading on to the oak ridge so called but agread to appoint a Comittee to adjust the damages with said Benson for the road passing through his land and to adjust damages demanded by Capt. Thomas Cutts for a Road pafsing through his land & for said Comitte to make their report at a Meeting to bee called in May at which time this Meeteing is adjourned.

6 Voted that the Selectm. bee a Committee for the above purpose.

May th 1811

Commonwealth of Massechusetts
County of York

Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth, the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Biddeford, quallified according to the constitution, having been duly convened in town meeting on the thirteenth day of May current, For the choice of a Representative in the Legislature of this Commonwealth did then & there elect Jeremiah Hill Esqr. being an inhabitant of said Town to Represent them in the General Court to be convened & holden on the last wednesday of the Same month -

Dated at Biddeford the 13th day of May 1811 in the 35 year of the Independence of the United States.

True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin
Town Clerk.

Votes were given in as follows for
Jeremiah Hill Esqr.....97 Votes
Capt. Nathaniel Goodwin.....52
Ichabod Farfield.....25
Capt. Israel Lafsell..... 1

To Ichabod Jordan Constable of the Town of Biddeford..
Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsechusetts to notify, warn the Freeholders & other inhabitants of said town quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet and afsemble at the Meeting house

in the first or lower parrish in said town on Monday the thiteenth day of May at three of the clock P.M.

1 to choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting.

2 to hear Sundre petitioners, of Jeremiah Hill Esqr. of Edmund Coffin Esqr., & Ebenezer Emery & others praying the Town to make certing alterrations in Several of the School districts for the accomodations of Certain individuals therein named.

3 to see if the town will permit Nehemiah Bradbury & others to work out their highway tax on their own privet ways.

Given under our hands & Seals this 1 day of May 1811.

Nathl. Goodwin) Selectmen of
John Spring) Biddeford

Monday May 13th 1811 Meet Agreable to the Foregoing Warrant & acted on the Same as follows:

1 Maid Choice of Capt. Nathl. Goodwin Moderator.

2 Voted that petitioners for Capt. James Murch & others to bee sot of from the 3d School District to the 2d District have leave to with draw their petition.

3 Voted to accept the petition of Edmund Coffin in behalf of Enoch Smith & Dodivah Bickford for to bee Enaxed to the 2d or falls School district.

4 Voted Ebenezer Emery & others have Leave to withdraw their petition.

5 Voted the petition of Jonathan Taylor, Daniel Smith & Noah Staples be Accepted agreable to their Request in their petition.

6 Voted that Nehemiah Bradbury have leave to work out his highway tax on his owne privet Road

True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Adjournment

Biddeford Monday May 13th 1811

Meet in town meteing agreable to Adjournment of a Meetin holden on the first Monday of April being the 1st day of Said Month wich was adjournd to this day and preceaded as Follows:

1 Voted to Reconcider the Vote of Said town passed at the anual Town Meeting in March last past for Discontinuing a Road near Andrew Smiths called Robert Bensons Road Leading from the oald Guinea Road on the the oak Ridge between land of said Benson & John & Moses Staples, and that the said Benson Agreas with the Committee Chosen for that purposese at a Meeting holden on the first Day of April that the width of the road shall be on his the said Bensons Land & the said Benson further agreas with said Committee to take one hundred & Eighty Dollars for the Damages of said Road pasing through his Land in lew of the sum afsesed by a Jury sent by the order of court for that purpose. All which is Accepted by the Vote of Said town.

Voted to Adjourn this Meeteing to the 2d Monday in July to three Oclock in the afternoon.

Monday July 8th 1811. Meet agreable to the above Adjournment and Voted to Accept the report of the Committee respecting a Road laid through Robert Bensons Land & for Damages allowed for said road. The report of said Comittee recorded (below)

Voted to adjourn this Meeteing to the last Monday in August it being the 26 day of Said Month then to Meete at the Lower Meeteing house in Said Town at 3 of the Clock in the afternoon.

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Report of Committee Respecting Robert Benson Road

We Josias Hill, Nathaniel Goodwin & John Spring, Selectmen of the Town of Biddeford at a legal Meeteing duly notified and holden the first day of April 1811 the above Selectmen were chosen a Committee to Settle with Several persons for damages sustained by Roads being laid out and accepted through their lands have agread with Mr. Robert

Benson in our said capacity to give him one hundred & eighty & clear him from Court expences for a certain road through his lands as here after described beginning at the Guinea road near the dwelling house of Mr. Andrew Smith by the line of John Staples land & said Bensons, South East by said line Sixty eight Rods, thence South fifty Degrees east Seventy two rods to a pine stump (near the stone bridge) thence South thirteen degrees East forty rods, thence forty three degrees East thirty eight rods to land of Abraham Davis. The above described Road to be wholy on said Bensons land an to bee three rods wide in Evry part there of being part of a Road laid out & accepted by said Town in 1808, from the Guinea road on to the oak Ridge, said road to be opened by said Benson by the first day of June next, and do hereby acknowledge to have received of said Committee an order on the Town Treasurer for fifty Dollars in part of the above Sum and am to have fifty dollars more this fall and the remainder Eighty dollars at the Expiration of said time for opening Said road. Don at Biddeford this Second Day of July 1811

Witnefs our hands — Robert Benson

Edmund Coffin
Benja. Goodwin

Josiah Hill)
Nathl. Goodwin) Committee
John Spring)

True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Whereas a Dispute has arisen between Lewis Young of Biddeford & Benjamin Gorden of Said town about their Respective rights in a pertition fence in the line between there Land near the Dwelling house of the Said Young beginning at the Road leading from Saco falls to winterharbour Running a South West Course Eight Rods to said Youngs Barn, thence Beginning at Said Road on the North west side of said Gordens land, Running South West by said Gordens land seventy rods, thence by the head of said Gordens Land twelve Rods to the Revd. Nathaniel Websters land Making in the whole Distance of fence ninety Rods - we the Subscribers, Fence Viewers of the town of Biddeford Duly Chosen & Sworn having on the Application of the said Young and After having given due notice to the said Benjamin Gorden - Viewed the premises & Duly concidered the Matter in Dispute have afsigned & do hereby afsign to Each of the parties his share of said fence as follows Viz: The said Young shall build & keep in Repair a good and sufficient Fence he beginning at said Road near his Dwilling house running Eight rods South west thence beginning at said road on the north west side of said Gordens land runnind South west Forty four Rods to a stake

Committee to take Care of Winter Harbour Beach

Christopher Hussey	Sulvester Haley
Capt. Thomas Cutts	Noah Curtis

Surveyors of Logs

Capt. Moses Bradbury	William Brock
Capt. Noah Hooper	Wm. Maxwell
Stephen Bryant	Thomas Rumery
Luke Brock	Capt. Samuel Merrill
Nathl. Cole	

Lotlayors

Jeremy Bettifs	Edmund Coffin
Elihu Coffin	Jere Hill Esqr.
Benjamin Goodwin	Nahum Smith
Daniel Hooper	

Tything Men

Asa Clark	Jere Hill Esqr.
Sulvester Haley	Capt. Samuel Merrill
Ralph T. Jordon	Samuel Emery Jnr.
Benj. Gorden	Capt. Hooper
Capt. Waldo Hill	John Staples Jnr.
John Davis	Capt. Lewis Young
Moses Wadlin	George Hooper
Capt. Benjamin Gilpatrick	

Sealers of Leather

Benjamin Smith	John Teatherly
Jordan Smith	Israel Pinkham

Pound Keeper Trestram Morrill

Inspector of Beefe Daniel Stone

Fire Wards

Daniel Cleaves Esqr. Ruben H. Greene Edmund Coffin

Health Committee and Harbor Masters

Christopher Hussey	Christopher Gilpatrick
Ruben H. Greene	Ralph T. Jordan
Capt. Nathaniel Goodwin	Sulvester Haley

Agent for the Town Capt. Nathaniel Goodwin

Qualifications of voters

Mail inhabitants of said Town of twenty one years of age and upwards having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of Ten Dollars or any Estate to the value of Two hundred Dollars

The cast votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor & Senators (in election of April 5th 1813

Votes for Governor	Caleb Strong	139 votes
	Jos. B. Varnum	42
Lieut Gov.	William Phillips	140
	William King	41
Senators	Joseph Leland	141
	Nahum Mansfield	140
	William Moody	42
	John Holmes	42

Report of Town Records

Fence Viewers & fielddrivers

Ebenezar Hill
Robert Rumery
Daniel S. Hooper
Wm. Freeman
Simon Lock
Jus. Carlisle
Jere Cole
Daniel Stone
James Murch
Benj. Gordon
Samuel Emery Jur.
Thos. Benson
Asa Cole
Samuel Hill
Sulvester Haley
Tymothy Perkins
Christopher Hussey
Noah Curtis
Nahum Smith
Aaron Nason
Thos. Davis
Wm. Googins
Simon Emery

Voted that the Fenceviewers & Fieldrivers be Hogreevs

Surveyors of Logs

William Stevenson Jur.
Capt. Moses Bradbury
William Maxwell
Nathl. Cole
Luke Brock
Daniel Fenleyson
Benjamin Gordon
Jere Bettifs
Sulvester Haley
Joshua Smith
William Brock

Lotlayors

William P. Hooper & took the oath of office before me
Edm. Coffin Town Clerk

Nahum Smith
Elihu Coffin
Edmund Coffin
Jere Hill Esq.
Israel Buker

Tything Men

Israel Pinkham
Asa Clark
Samuel Merrill
Jothem McIntire
Seth Farfield
Jere Hill Esq.
Ruben N. Greene
George M. Bickford
Seth Stone Esq.
Capt. Lewis Young
Ralph T. Jordan Esq.
Joseph Tarbox
Ichabod Jordan
Thomas Smith
Joseph Thomas
Aaron Cutter
John Staples 3d
Nathl. Emery
Samuel Worth
Joseph Wadlin
Wm. Murch
Joseph Gilpatrick
Aaron Nason
Josiah Stimpson
Israel Buker

and
it being his part of said Fence the said Benjamin Gorden shall Build and keep in Repair a like fence on the other part of said Line, Viz: from Said Websters line on the head of said Gordens land twelve Rods thence North East on said line twenty six rods to a stake on to Joine said Youngs fence on said line, it being his part of the petition fence between the said Youngs land & said Gordens land.

Given under our hands at said Biddeford the 28th day of May A. D. 1811

Sylvester Haley) Fenceviewers of
Ichabod Jordan) Said town.

True Entry Attes Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

March 4th 1820 Biddeford

We the subscriber hereby Enter our Name with the Clerk of said town and Clerk of the 2d parrish in said Town as being Members of the said 2d parrish in said town of Biddeford. Phinehas W. Girtz

Biddeford September 2d 1819

I hereby Certify that Samuel Emery Jnr. this town has become a Member of & unites in Religious Worship with the religious Society known by the Name of Baptists or Christans who are united in a religious Society in this town for the purpose of the worship of God.

Ephraim Stinchfield) Admistrator
in said Society

March 24th 1820
True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin T. Clerk.

To Edmund Coffin Clerk of the town of Biddeford

This is to give you Notice that on the 27 day of Oct. instant I took up a Ram Sheep of a White Culler Large horns and a crop of both Ears & a Slit in the same going At large against the Statute of this Commonwelth, therefore i Wish you to Enter the same on the town book and order such place as you think proper for advetising the same Ram.

Joseph Tarbox

Oct. 27th 1815

True Entry Attest Edm. Coffin Town Clerk

To Ichabod Jordan Constable of the town of Biddeford
Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massechusetts to warn the Mail inhabitants of said Town quallified by law to Vote in town affairs that they meete at the Meeteing house in the first or lower parrish on Monday the Eighth day of July next at four of the Clock P.M. for the following purposes, Viz:

1 to Choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeteing.

2 to see if the Town will Vote to raise som Money in addition to their former sum Voted, to pay for damages of certain new roads & for the support of the poor.

3 to see if the town will act on the request of John Davis & Thomas Davis, that they may bee anexed to that part of the Guinea School Clafs which is kept on the oak ridge - Given under our hands & Seals this 26 Day of June 1811.

Nathaniel Goodwin) Selectmen
Josiah Hill) of
John Spring) Biddeford

Monday July 8th 1811

Meet agreable to the foregoing Warrant, and Made Choice of Capt. Israel Lafsell for Moderator to regulate said Meeteing.

2 Voted to raise $400 in addition to what has all ready bee raised to defray the expences of said town the year ensewing.

3 Voted the Requst of John Davis & Thomas Davis bee Accepted agreable to the 3d article in the warrant.

Attest Edmund Coffin, Town Clerk.

Whereas a dispute has arisen between Capt. James Murch & Israes Clifford both Biddeford about their Respective Right in a partition Fence in the line between their lands or farm. Beginning at the Road leading to Winterharbor From Saco falls and Running on said line between them a South west Cours 75½ rods to the end of said line in Dispute. We the Subscribers, Fence Viewers of the Town of Biddeford duly chosen & Sworn having on

the Application of the Said Murch and after havin given due Notice to the S Clifford Viewed the premises and duly considered the matter in dispute have afsigned & do hereby afsigned to each of the said parties his share of said fence as follows, Viz:
The said Clifford shall build & keepe in Repair a good & sufficient fence from the said Road leading to winter harbor thirty Seven and half Rods on said South West Cours between their land to a Stak by a larg Rock - and the said Murch shall build & keep in repair a lik fence on the other par of said line. Viz: From the Suth West End of said Cliffords fince thirty seven & half rods the same Course to the End of the line in dispute.

Given under our hand at said Biddeford the first day of Oct. 1811.

Nathaniel Goodwin) Fence
Edmund Coffin) Viewers

True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin, Town Clerk.

Picked up on Saturday the 19th instant on the South side of Wood Island several articles belonging to a Chebaco boat Supposed to have been lost the proceading night on one of the Adjoining ledges Consisting of a Mainsail and foresail quite new the iron work of the mast blocks & helyards the Spars appeared to have belonged to an old Vefsel & from the appearance of a part of her forecassel Deck which landed on the Island supposed her to be a boat with Standing rooms. Any person having legal claim to the above articles may receive them by applying to the Subscriber paying Customary Charges in such cases.

H. Hawkins

Saco Oct. 21st 1811

True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin T. Clerk.

(Note: Following elections & votes were made at Annual Town Meeting held at the upper meeting house at 10 A. M. March 2, 1812.)

Voted to sell the Collectors office to the lowest bidder. Ichabod Jordan bid 5 pr. cn. It was struck of to him.

Poundkeeper, Tristram Morrill

Inspector of Beef, Daniel Stone

Fire Wards, Ruben H. Green, Daniel Cleaves Esqr.
Edmund Coffin

Voted the Selectmen be a Committee to precure a place to Set a Magazine and to build the Same for the Safe keepin of the towns Stock of powder & Balls &c.

Voted Jere Hill Esqr.)
Allison Smith) be a Comittee to look into the situation of town & parsonage land in said town & Report at the next Meeting to which this is adjourned to the First Monday of Aprill at 3 Oclock P.M. by vote of said Town.

True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Monday Aprill 6th 1812

Meet Agreable to Adjournment and heard the report of the Committee Respecting the Toowns parsonage Land & Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the time in May that the Meeteing shall be called for the Choice of Representative to 4 oclock.

Attest Edm. Coffin T. Clerk.

April 1812
To Ichabod Jordan Constable of the town of Biddeford - Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsechusetts to Summon and Notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Said town quallified by law to Vote in town meetings to afsemble at the upper Meeting house in said town on the sixth Day of Aprill next at three of the clock in the after noon to act on the following articles, Viz:

1 to Choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting.

2 to see what Measures the town will take Respecting four petitions Respecting roads in said town. Viz: one for a new road over Gooches Island signed by Noah Hooper and others, one From arundal Line to join Newtown road (so called) signed by Jere Bettifs & others one signed by Elisabeth Dearing praying for Damages for a Road laid out over her land, & one signed by Jeremiah Bettifs paying for More Damages for a Road laid out over his land.

3 to see if the Town will make a New School District out of the third & fourth School districts agreable

to the request of Ebenezer Emery & 13 others.

Given under our hands & seals at said Biddeford 20th day of March 1812.

Jere Hill) Selectmen of
Samuel Merrill) Biddeford

Monday April 6th 1812

Meet Agreable to the foregoing warrant.

1 and Made Choice of Daniel Cleaves Esqr. for Moderator to Regulate said Meeting.

2 Voted that the Select Men bee a Committee to adjust Damages for roads passing through their Land Agreable to the 2d Article in the Warrant.

3 Voted that the petitioners for a new School District 3d article in the Warrant have Leave to with draw their petition.

True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin
T. Clerk.

May 4th 1812

Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth the Freeholders and the Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford quallified acording to the Constitution, having been duly Convened in Town Meeting, on the 4th day of May 1812. For the Choice of Representatives in the Legislature of this Commonwealth, did then and there Elect Jere Hill Esqr. & Ruben H. Greene, Being Inhabitants of Said Town, to Represent them for the General Court, to be convened and holden on The last wednesday of the same month.

Dated at Biddeford th 4 day of May 1812 and in the 36 year of the Independance of the United States.

Israel Lafsel) Selectmen
Samuel Merrill) of Biddeford

Attest Edm. Coffin Town Clerk.

The persons Chosen as aforesaid was Notified thereof & Sumoned to attend by me.

Biddeford May 4th 1812 Ichabod Jordan Constable

True Entry Attest Edm. Coffin, T. Clerk.

N.B. Votes were given in as follows at the above Meeting Viz:

on 1 ticket	(For Jere Hill Esqr.	116	Votes
	(For Ruben H. Greene.....	117	0
	(For Ichabod Farfield Esqr.	73	0
	(For Major John Spring	71	0
	(Capt. Nathaniel Goodwin	2	
	(Capt. Thomas Cutts	1	
	(Sylvester Haley	1	

Attest Edmund Coffin, Town Clerk.

Votes Declared as follows the whole number of votes were 191 Nefsery for a Choice 96.
Jere Hill Esqr. & Ruben H. Greene having 116 votes and were Declared Chosen.

To Edmund Coffin Clerk of the Town of Biddeford.

Asa Cole of Biddeford yeoman Sheweth to me here that at Foure of the Clock in the after noon of the 20 day of May Instant he took up in his inclosure in sid Biddeford a certain dark Gray hors belonging to Christopher Gilpatrick Esq. of said Biddeford and your Complanent then & there impounded said horse (by Thomas Benson Field Driver) in the Barn of John Staples in said Biddeford where said hors now remains. Your Complanent further Sheweth that on the same day of impounding said hors that due notice was given to the said Gilpatrick by said Field Driver and in as Much as now twenty four hours have Elapsed since Said notice was given and the said Gilpatrick has not Appeared to take said hors nor paid the Cost & damages nor repleved Said hors - Your Complanent Prays that a Warrant may issue in due form to some Disinterested Juditious persons to Estimate the said Damages don to him by said hors & Also to apprais Said hors.

Biddeford May 22d 1812

Asa Cole

Sworn to before me Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

True Entry Attest Edm. Coffin Town Clerk.

To Capt. Simon Emery & Moses Staples of Biddeford two Disintrested & Suffitient persons: Greeting,

You are here by appointed & impowred faithfully & Impartialy to estimate upon oath the damages don to Asa Cole by a certain Gray hors Which for that cause has been taken up & impounded by Thomas Benson Field Driver in the Barn of John Staples and also in like manner to appraise said hors at his just & true Vallue. here of fail not &

Dond. Cummings)
Jo. Dunham)
Benja. Gordon) A Committee to take care of
Jo. Smith) the Saco River fishery.
Dominicus Gillpatrick)
Ebenr. Emery)
)

Amos Gordon)
Christopher Gillpatrick) A Committee to sell ghe grafs
John Staple) on the common thatch beds this year.

Voted to go to Mr. Ebenr. Hills to sell the Common thatch beds.

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to call the annual Town Meetings in future on the first Monday in March -

Voted Prentifs Mellen Esqr. Agent for the purpose exprefsed in the sixth article in the warrant for calling this Meeting.

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April next to meet at the old Meeting house at three O.C. P. Mn.
Attest Jere Hill Town Clerk.

At an adjournment of the annual Town Meeting held at the old Meeting House in Biddiford on Monday the second day of April 1798 at three of the clock in the afternoon -

Allison Smith Moderator -

Chose Doctr. Aaron Porter)
Seth Spring) Surveyors
Wm. Gillpatrick)
Christopher Gillpatrick) of
Joshua Hill)
Robert E. Nason) Highways.

Voted to choose Afsessors.

Voted to choose three assessors.

Voted to choose assessors by holding up the hand.

Chose Nicholas Smith)
Christopher Gillpatrick) Assessors
Colo. Joseph Morrill)

Voted to raise seven hundred Dollars to repair the highways for the year ensuing.

Extracts from Town Records

Edmd. Coffin)	
Persia Bickford)	
Dom, Gillpatrick)	Measurers
Donald Cummings)	
John Chadwick)	of
Patridge Richardson)	
Nicks. Smith Jr)	Wood
John Chadwick)	
Donl. Cummings)	Culler of Staves
Parte. Richardson)	
John Chadwick	Sealer of Weights & Measurers.
John Townson)	
Robt. Patten)	Sealers of Leather
Ebenezer Hill	Inspector of Lime
Elihu Coffin)	
Parte. Richardson)	
Noah Hooper)	LOT Layers
Benja. Staple, Junr.)	
Andrew Spring)	
Batchelor Bunker)	
Joseph Dunham)	
Christopher Gillpatrick)	Harbor Masters
Robt. Patten)	
Ebenr. Hill)	
Thoms. McIntire)	
Sylvester Haley)	Hogrieves
Benja. Staples)	
Stephen Joy)	
John Benson)	
Capn. Benjamin Gillpatrick	Pound Keeper
John Chadwick)	
Peter Hill)	Measurers of Grain & Salt.
Jonn. Tarbox)	
Jonn. Smith)	To take care of Winter Harbor Beach.
Jo. Goldthwait)	

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways lay before the Select Men their accts of work done on the Highways & that the select Men report at the adjournment of this meeting -

Mr. Ebenezer Emery, pound Keeper

Mefsrs	Thomas Tarbox)	To take care of the fishery in Saco River.
	Benja. Nason Junr.)	
	Citt. Gillpatrick Junr.)	
	Donald Cummings)	
	Allison Smith)	

Mefsrs	Robert Gillpatrick)	Committee to sell the grafs on the common thatch beds for the year ensuing
	Citt. Gillpatrick Junr.)	
	Benja. Nason Junr.)	

Voted to allow the above Committee to spend eighteen shillings out of what the said grafs shall sell for -

(Note: The above is a complete list of Town Officers with the exception of the Deer reave who does not seem to have been elected yearly. The 1788 Town Meeting chose Dodivah Bickford as Deer reave.)

Voted to repair the public highways by a Tax on the polls & estates as other Taxes are laid.
Voted to raise seventy pounds to repair the highways the year ensuing.

Voted to allow the same wages for work on the highways as was allow'd the last year voted.

Voted to raise one hundred pounds to provide the Town with Schools the year ensuing -
Voted to lay out the above Sum of one hundred pounds in the fame manner as it was laid out the last year -

Voted to raise one hundred and forty pounds including the ministers Sallery to defray the necefsary charges of the Town the year ensuing -

The Votes for the choice of County Treasurer being call'd for the qualified voters brought in their votes, upon sorting and counting of which as the law directs there appeard to be twenty two all in favor of Mr. William Frost -

Mefsrs	Benja. Nason)	Constables
	David Thomas)	
	Theodore McIntire)	
	John Staple)	
	William Murch)	
	Elisha Staple)	

(Concludes Town Meeting except for Oaths of Office)

make return of this warrant to me as Soon as the buisnes shall be performed -

Given under my hand this 22 day of May 1812

Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

May 22d 1812 the above named Capt. Simon Emery & Moses Staples personly appeared & made oath that in estimating the above damage and apprais said hors they would act faithfully & impartially according to their best Skill & Judgment before me.

Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

Clerks fees	50
Complt. & Swaring)	
Appraiser)	20
	70

The mark of Edmund Coffin Sheepe Viz: Crop of the left ear & half Crop of the right Ear took of from the under side of the Ear. One ewe smutty face & legs with the right ear cropt & the left half crop, one lamb white face & legs the same Ear Mark.

Recorded by Edm. Coffin Town Clerk.

Jully 27th 1812

The Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford being Legally Warned and duly Notified & Afsembled in town meting on said day Agreable to Warrant To take into Consideration the alarming situation of our Country - and first Made Choice of Capt. Israel Lafsell for Moderator to regulate said Meeteing.

2 Voted to Choose a Committee of three to draft a petition & Resolves & to lay the same before this Meeting for their Acceptance - and accordingly

Jeremiah Hill Esqr.) were chosen
Ruben H. Greene) for said
Doctr. Ezra Deane) Committee

and Reported the Resolves as follows -

1 Resolved, that we consider it the Duty of Evry Citizen, to support the laws of his Country. At the same time we consider the right of Peacebly assembling, to consult the General good to speak our minds freely, & to petition any branch of our Goverment for the redrefs of grievances among our first priveleges and unalienable in its nature.

2d Resolved, that we consider the union of these United States as essential to the prosperity & Happinefs of our Country, and View with abhorence any and evry measure which may have a tendency to seperate this Union.

3d Resolved, that in our opinion the war with Great Britan as unnescefsary, inexpedent & Ruinous in its consequences to the United States Generaly, More especialy to the Nothern States and Most fataly to the District of Maine, that the continuation of it will destroy the remnant of our Commerce, opprefs the Farmer, the Mill owner, the lumber man, & Mechanic. And gradualy introduce laxity of moralls Discipation and Vice, and have a tendancy to Produce an alliance with France, an evil which of all others we deeme most teryfying in prosperity - blasting every hope and exterminating every germ of Liberty - No free State ever having yet survived a Conection with that Empire too powerful to bee just and whose Absolute Mornarchial Goverment is so diametriacaly opposed to our darling Republican habits.

4 Resolved, that the inhabitants of this town Feel a grateful acknowledgement to the Members of the house of Representatives who have published their addrefs to their Constituents, Stating their reasons for Voting in Congrefs against the present war.

5 Resolved, that in the present Situation of our Country we highly approve of the Conduct of the Commander in Chief of this & the other States, Who have refused to place the drafted Militia under the controle of the oficers of the general goverment.

6 Resolved, that peace & free Commerce is our object & that we think the onely mode of obtaining it is by a change of Rulers, and To legislate for our Prosperity & peace, whose hearts & Views are enlarged, & whose patiotrism is confined to their own Country, and equally warm to all parts of it. Men that are not pledged to support a war they have Declared or advocated, free if posiable from party feelings, and Men that have no personal intrest to Consult, such Men as in the days of Washington Exalted us as a People, & procured for our Country those countless Blefsings of peace & prosperity which we now know onely in remembrance.

7 Resolved, that we View with Horror the certain Approch of our enormous land tax & other duties and Excise not lefs oppressive (the Act sais they shall Commence at the Commencement of the war and Continue untill one year after the war has terminated) When we are deprived of the means of paying them the natural Tendancy of which is to throw the property into the hands of a few & those few are generaly office holders.

Voted to Accept the foregoing Resolves.

Voted the Following petition be red the 2d time & accepted which was Accordingly done.

To James Madison President of the United States of America -

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford in the District of Mane in Legal town Meeting assembled, having seen your Manifesto The act of Congress, declaring war against the United Kingdom of Great Brittain & Ireland, & your Proclamation of the Same, feel in duty bound respectfuly to state some of our ideas respecting this subject; Some of us bore a heavy Burthen in the Revelution, which achieved our Independance but our heads are now hoary & our Limbs enervated by time; our young men have heard what their Farthers have told them concerning these Days of old, thes former years of Visitation; the most of us look back with Pleasure on the prosperous years that succeeded the adoption of our federal Constitution and ask why is our Gold become dim, why are those happy, thrice happy times, changed, we see no sufficient reason for it, the great Beligerents of Europe ever cordialy hated each other, their trade & their Delight is in war & when they get engaged there in, The Smaller States & kingdoms are obliged to give way in smaller matters; The Emperor of France at this time making monstrous strides over the Continent of Europe, we view with horror & regreat the fate of Holland reduced to a Province of France, as well as the other Republicks on the Continent of Europe. Nay severall of the Kingdoms of Europe are obliged to bow to this mighty Emperor - we see him sheding the blood of millions to give Supremacy over Spain and Portugal, we view Great Britain as fighting at this Time for her very Existance if this mighty Emperor Subjugates Europe, we Shudder, we tremble at the Thought, when will his pride be satiated, will he be satisfied with Europe, will he not spred his conquests round the Atlantic, we tremble when we contemplate on these things, we abhor an Alliance with a nation whose Ambition knows no bounds, we Remember what our Father Washington said, why by enterweaving our Disteny with that of any part of Europe Entangled our peace & prosperity in the toils of European Ambition we frequently hear how this Monarch

daly treats us by burning, sinking & Destroying our Commerce on the Ocean, without any Legal Process, but by the Capris of an individual Master of an Armed Vefsel belonging to this aspiring Usurper for univursal Domincon we also see many things arbitrary in the Conduct of the Government of Great Britain; we see the Commanders of British armed Vefsels dominearing over our unarmed Merchentmen pressing & forciably carying away our Seaman, the Goverment as we understand never justified such conduct but always restored the men as soon as it was ascertained that they were Americans & we are taught to believe, that they ever have been ready, willing & forward to make such Arangments with our Goverment as to prevent abuses on this subject: we know that a Nunber of our seefaring brethren in this part have been pressed and returned as above stated; another great greviance is stated to be the British orders in Counsel we find upon Examination that the French Decrees of Berlin and Milan were anterior, to these Orders, & that they were to be recinded in their very nature, when ever these Decrees should be revoked, being only retaliatory.As to their sturing up the Savages against us we see no proof the United States being then in treaty with all those tribes & under obligation to supply them with all the necessaries of life; as to the Henery Plot we see no Evidence of his with any person or persons, affecting a seperation of our happy Union, This would strike as with horror & Detestation in viewing the whole ground, we see no sufficient reason to justify this Declaration of war, we are rather lead to believe the President has been Misinformed by artful designing men who surround his person; We therefore knowing that it is his province to send Ambasidors to make peace, earnestly supplicate him to take Constitutional Measures to bring about this most Desirable Object & restore the United States to peace if it can be don on honorable terms and then break the fetters on Commerce, which will restore our Revenue to its wonted channel and fill again our Exhausted Treasury, then set up a strict impartiality with all Nations and we confidently hope & trust under Divine Providence we shall again set as in the Days of Washington, under our own Vine & our owne figtrees & have none to Make us afraid, and the Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford will ever pray.

Voted a copy of the above petition be sent to the President of the United States Signed by the Moderator, Selectmen & Attested by the Town Clerk.

Voted that the foregoing resolves & petition be published in the Boston Centinal by the Directions of the Selectmen without any Expence to the Town.

Voted that Jeremiah Hill Esqr., Capt. Israel Lafsell, Capt. Samuel Merrill, Capt. Nathl. Goodwin & Capt. Moses Bradbury bee a Committee of Conference to confer with other simeler Committes and also to meet in a convention if any should be formed, that a common center may be formed & Union of Action be heard in obtaining our Desirable Object in a Constitunial way.

Voted to disolve the Meeting.

True Entry Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk.

On Monday, November 2, 1812, the Town voted as follows for a Representative to the United States Congress "for the first eastern district":

Cyrus King Esqr.	142	Votes
Hon. Richard Cutts	33	do
Capt. Tobias Lord	1	do

On Thursday November 12, 1812, at 2 P.M. in the upper meeting house, the Town voted "for three electors (in the first Eastern District Comprehending the Counties of York, Cumberland & Oxford) for President & Vice President of the United States, not being Senators or Representatives in the Congrefs of the United States, or persons holding any office of trust or profit under said United States". Vote was as follows:

Nathaniel Goodwin Esqr. of Biddeford	144	Votes
Hon. Lothrop Lewis Esqr. of Goreham	145	do
Hon. Samuel Parris Esqr. of Hebron	145	do
Hon. John Woodman Esqr. of Buxton	38	do
Theodor Mussey Esq. of Standish	38	do
Henry Rust Esq. of Norway	38	do

On Monday March 15th 1813, at 10 A.M. in the lower meeting house, the Town elected the following officers:

Daniel Cleaves Esqr. Moderator
Edmund Coffin Town Clerk
Josiah Hill)
Capt. Samuel Merrill) Select Men & Afsessors & Over Seasors of the poor
Edmund Coffin)
Capt. Nathaniel Goodwin Treasurer, at "$7 for his Servises the year Insuing.
Jere Hill Jn. Constable & Collector - "Voted 5 per ct. for the money he collects."
Benjamin Gordon Constable

Surveyors of highways

Capt. William Freeman	Palliah Bickford
Benj. Gorden	Nahum Smith
Jere Bettiss	Sulvestor Haley
Nathl. Emery	Capt. Wm. Benson
George Hooper	Josiah Stimson
Capt. Nathaniel Goodwin	Christopher Gilpatrick

Surveyors of Lumber Wood & Bark

Israel Buker	Joshua Smith
Josiah Stimson	Luke W. Brock
Daniel Fenderson	Daniel Stone
William Brock	James Benson
Donald Cummings	Wm. Maxwell
William Stevenson Jnr.	Thomas Rumery
Capt. Samuel Merrill	William Googins
Nathl. Cole	Capt. Nathaniel Goodwin
Capt. Noah Hooper	Capt. Thomas Cutts
Edmund Coffin	Capt. Lafsell

Fence Viewers and Field Drivers

Sulvester Haley	Jere Bettifs
James Benson	Capt. Wm. Murch
Asa Cole	Capt. Wm. Freeman
Jere Cole	Capt. Nathaniel Goodwin
Edmund Coffin	Capt. James Smith
Ralph T. Jordan	Christopher Hussey
Capt. Jas. Carlisle	Joseph Gilpatrick
Jothem Molton	Israel Pinkham
Daniel Hooper	

Hogreeves

Capt. Samuel Emery	Stephen E. Cole
George Thatcher Jnr.	Capt. James Benson
Doctr. Ezra Dene	Benjamin Goodridge Jr.
Nathaniel Emery	Joseph Haley
Joseph Wadlin	William P. Hooper
Thomas Davis	Jothem Molton
Trestram Morrill	John Staples Jnr.
Daniel Fofs	Edmund Perkins
Israel Pinkham	Capt. James Carlisle
Jothem Gilpatrick	Capt. Wm. Freeman
Samuel Tarbox	Ruben H. Greene
John Hooper	Ichabod Jordan
Sulvester Haley	Thomas Hill
Thomas Benson	Jere Bettifs
Capt. Thomas Cutts	William Murch
Joseph Gilpatrick	Moses Wadlin
Samuel Hill	

Moneys Voted to be afsesse on the poles and Estates in Said town for the following purposes Viz.

For Schools	$600.00
For highways	1200
For town Expences	1500.00

Voted that the lowest bidder to take Nabby Tarbox to board - Jonathan Tarbox bid the lowest and takes her @ 75 cts. per week & to keepe her in Close.
Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in Aprill @ 2 of the Clock P.M.

True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Edmund Coffin Clerk of the Town of Biddeford this is to give you notice that I am desirus of Becomming a Member of the Second Religious Society in said town and hereby give in my name For that purpose.

Biddeford February 27th 1821
Mary Hill

March 9th 1821
R. H. Greene

March 10th 1821
Nancy Freeman

March 6 1821 We the Subscriburs Consider our Selves as hereby being Members of the Second Religious Society in Biddeford

John K. Gillpatrick

To Jere Hill one of the Constables of the Town of Biddeford
Greeting
You are here by requested in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the inhabitant of Said Town quallified by law to Vote in town meetingsto Assemble At the lower Meeting house in said town on Monday the Fifth day of April next at two of the Clock in the after Noon For the purpose of Afsertaining by their Votes the Most Convenient place or plaices to Erect a fire proof Building or buildings for the Safe keeping the Records of the County of York - Agreeable to Resolve of the Legislature of Said Commonwealth passed February 19th 1813.

Given under our hands at Biddeford this 19th day of March 1813

Edmund Coffin
Josiah Hill
Samuel Merrill
Selectmen of Biddeford

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April 5th 1813

Meet agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and give 110 for Erecting a Fire proof Building at Kenebunk in the Town of Wels.

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

May 3d 1813

To Jere Hill Jur. one of the Constables of the town of Biddeford Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the Freeholders & other inhabitants to assemble at the Lower Meeting house in said town on monday the Third day of May next at four of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following articles. Viz.

1. to Choose a Moderator to rugulate said Meeting
2. to see if the town will accept of a Road laid out in Said town from the South west end of the newtown Road so called by the Selectmen at the Request of Jeremiah Bettifs & others through said Bettifs land to the road from Arundal line leading to the see.

Given under our hands & Seals at said Biddeford this 20th day of April 1813

Samuel Merrill
Josiah Hill
Edmund Coffin
Selectmen of Biddeford

True Entry

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

May 3d 1813 Meet agreeable to the foregoing warrant and Acted on the Same as follows. Viz.

1. Maid Choice of Capt. Samuel Merrill Moderator
2. Voted to Accept the foregoing Road as laid out by the Selectmen agreeable to their Return there of Which is as followeth & to pay damages to said Bettifs for the road passing over his land as Afsessed by the Selectmen Which said Bettiss agrees too & Subcribes his name as here after recorded.

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Pursuant to a request in writing of a number of the Inhabitants of the town of Biddeford to us the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town we have proceaded to view & run A line for said road in said town as follows Viz.

Beginning at the end of the newtown road so called an the Line between land of Jere Tarbox & Jeremiah Bettiss & Running on said Bettifs land South twenty five Degrees East 28 Rods thence on the Same South one degree West Forty Seven rods on the line between said Bettifs and Capt. Thomas Cutts thence on said

Bettifs South 49 Degrees West twenty two rods thence on the Same South twenty degrees East thirty three rods thence on Thence on the same South twenty Seven degrees East Twelve rods thence South one dgree West forty five Rods by the line between said Bettifs & Cutts to the road Leading from Arundal line by said Bettifs house to The sea as delineated on a plan to accompany this Return & said road to bee two rods in width in Evry part & the road to bee all on said Bettifs land

And have Afsessed Damage to Said Bettifs Eighty Dollars

Biddeford April 20 1813

Edmund Coffin
Samuel Merrill
Josiah Hill
Selectmen of Biddeford

Attest Edm. Coffin
Town Clerk

Biddeford May 3d 1813

This is to Certify that I the Subcriber agree to take the Eighty Dollars as Assessed by the Selectmen in full of the Damage For said road passing through my land and Voted by said Town.

Jeremiah Bettis

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

To Benjamin Gorden Constable of the town of Biddeford
Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon & notify the Freeholder & other inhabitants of said Town Qallified by law to vote in town meetings to Assemble at the lower Meeting hous in said town on friday the twenty sixth Instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon for the following purpose Viz.

1. to Choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting
2. to See what order said town will take to build Swanpond bridge the same being Caried away By the late freshit.
3. to Vote money for building said bridge and to Appoint a Surveyer Agent for building said Bridge

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Given under our hand & Seals this 20th day of Nov. 1813

Edmund Coffin
Samuel Merrill
Selectmen of Biddeford

Friday Nov. 26th 1813 Meet agreeable to the Foregoing warrant & Acted on the same as follows

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1. Made Choice of Allison Smith Moderator to Regulate said Meeting
2. Voted to Choose one Surveyor
3. Robert Rumery was Chosen Surveyor to build Said Bidge
4. Voted to Raise $400 by an Assesment on the pols & Estates of said town to cary the sd act into Efect.

5. Voted to Commit the tax bill to the Surveyor with a warrant in due form of Law to Collect said Tax in labour & Meterials for building said Bridge & likewis to Collect the Cashof those that doth not work out their tax on said Bridge After having Notice to work out the same.

True Entry

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Call for Annual Meeting of March 7th 1814 contained these special items:

6. to See if the town will Vote to discontinue a road Leading from the mane road to Hollis on to William Wadlins so far as Gordens brook so Called

7. to See if the town will accept of a privet Road laid out by the Selectmen for & by the request of Theophilus Smith

8. to See if the town will accept of an alterration in the Road over the Sea wall leading to Noah Curtises made by the Selectmen at his request

9. to See what method the town will take respecting the poor of Said town

10. to See if the town will agree for a number of Inhabitants residing in the first school district On the mane road leading to Hollis to have their Proportion of School money in said District set of to them agreeable to their petition

12. to See if the town will grant the petition of Ebenezar Emery & others for a new School district

13. to See if the town will Grant the petition of Capt. Daniel Deshon for abatement of his taxes for the years of 1810 & 1811 & 1812 agreeable to his petition

Action taken on above as follows:

6. Voted to discontinue the road leading from the Limerick Road between Hollis & Biddeford on to Gordens Brook So Called & (from thence to Wm. Wadlins, this part not included)

7. Voted to Acept a privet Road laid out for Theophilus Smith with out any Expence to the town which is as follows Beginning at the County road Leading to Wells at the N. E. Corner of John Stevensons Land on the line between Said Stevenson & Dodivah Townson from thence Running South 40° East over Said Stevensons land 20 Rods To the Said Smiths land & the road to be all on Said Stevensons land & to be one & a half rods in width & Said Smith is to

build one half of the fence on the Side of the road Joining said Stevenson Land And have Assessed Damage to Said Stevenson two Dollars

Edmund Coffin
Samuel Merrill
Selectmen of Biddeford

8. Voted to Acept the Alteration of a road Leading Over the Sea wall on to Noah Curtises as follows Beginning at the N. E. side of land formerly Peter Sardis in the old road where the Common traveling Now is & run South 20 rods on the Sands or Beach Side of the Sea wall thence South 20° East on the Same 6 rods thence South 65° East 3½ rods part Over the grafs land to meet the old road and the road to bee 2 rods in width & concider no Damage

Laid out by Edmund Coffin
Josiah Hill
Selectmen of Biddeford

9. No action recorded.

10.& 12. Voted to Appoint a School Committee to Revise the School Districts in Said town Viz.
Daniel Hooper, Nathaniel Goodwin Esq., Jere Cole, James Carlisle, Benjamin Gorden, Israel Lassell Esq., Sulvester Haley, Christopher Hussey, William Bensen, Nath. Emery, Jere Hill Esq. be the Committee.

13. Voted to Abate $13-39 of Capt. Daniel Deshon taxes.

Monday April 4th 1814
Meet agreable to Adjournment

1. Voted Accept the original Account of Edmund Coffin For his Servis as Selectman Asseser & Overseer of Poor

2. Vote to Accept the Accounts of Capt. Samuel Merrill And Josiah Hill for their Servis as Selectmen Assesors And Over Seers of the poor

3. Voted to Accept the report of the Comittee to settle with the Treasurer

4. Voted to Accept the report of the School Commitee As follows Viz. Voted to adjour to the 1 Monday in Aprill

1. District to include all the inhabitants on the road from Swanpond bridge to Hollis line

2. District to include all the inhabitants from Jedediah McIntires to Hollis on the Alfred road together with

Jonathan Taylor, Daniel Smith, Noah Staples, Wm. Wadlin, Joseph Thompson, the Widow Mcintire and the Widow Goodwin, These two Districts to have the priviledge of Sending their Children to each others Schools.

3. District to include all the inhabitants From Swanpond Bridge to Kings Corner also the Inhabitants on the post road from Dodivah Bickfords To arundal line & also all the Inhabitants North west Of Said post road to the limets of the 1st & 2d District The Schools to be kept part of the time on the road Leading from Swanpond Bridge to Said Kings corner And the remainder of the time on the new County Road leading to Arundal by Jeremiah Coles or otherwise As the said District may agree

4. District to include all the Inhabitants on the post Rod from Springs Bridge to Dodivah Bickford Jur. Inclusive, those from Said post road to Israel Pinkham Inclusive, those round the mill Brow & all those Within Limits

5th. District to include all the inhabitants from Israel Pinkhams to the mouth of the old Guinea road & Benjamin Gilpatricks John Stacy on the new Guinea Road

6. District to Include all the Inhabitants on the old Guinea Road from Capt. Simon Emeries to the main road And on said main road to Capt. John Emeries together With Stephen Joy, Samuel Joy & Samuel Joy on the Newtown road Excepting Simon Goodridge Nathl. Perkins & the Widow Toung.

7. District to Include all those Inhabitants on the main road from Capt. John Emeries to the Sea with those Inhabitants on the newtown road to Jere Bettifs inclusive And those on the South east side of Said road to the sea and little river together with Simon Goodridge, Nathl Perkins & the widow Toung

8th District to Include all those Inhabitants on Fletchers Neck & Capt. Waldo Hill - These two last Districts to have the Priveledge of Sending their Children to each others Schools

9. District to include all the inhabitants in Newtown (so called) not before mentioned all the inhabitants on the oak ridge together with those on the old Guinea road to Capt. Wm. Murch With those on the new Guinea road to include where Benjamin H. Cole lately Lived. The Schools to be kept part of the time on the Oak ridge And part of the time on the old Guinea Road according To the number of the families at each place

All which is respectively submitted
Jere Hill pr. Order
Nathl Goodwin Clerk

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Voted Israel Buker Tything Man
Voted for the Selectmen to new Valuation of the towns Real & personal Estates & poles by Gving round or Other wis in most Corrctest way & to be paid for their time

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the day in May For the Choice of Representatives

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Monday May 2d 1814
The Inhabitants of the Town of Biddeford Legally Assembled in Town Meeting & gave in their Votes for Representatives As follows Viz.

For Capt. Moses Bradbury	77 Votes
For Jeremiah Hill Esq.....	14
For Ruben H. Greene Esq.....	49
For Israel Lafsell...Esq.....	21
For Nathaniel Goodwin Esq.....	17
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45 Votes Nefserary for a Choice Capt. Moses Bradbury And Ruben H. Green having over that Number And ware Declared Chosen

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

May 2d 1814 Meet Agreeable to Adjournment And Accepted the Bondsmen offered by the Collector for Security of his Collection for the presant year Viz. Jere Hill Esq. & Edm. Coffin

Voted that the last year Surveyors have liberty to Work out the defitiency of their highway tax On or before the first of July next

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

August 20th 1814
To Jere Hill Jur. one of the Constables of the town of Biddeford Greetings
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders & Other Inhabitants of said town quallified by law to Vote in town meetings to afsemble at the upper meeting hous in said town on monday the fifth day of September next At four O'clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles Viz.

1. to Choos a Moderator to regulate said meeting

2. to see if the town will choose a committee to present A petition to the next Court of Sessions to git the County road over Gooch Island in Biddeford discontinued and choose a spetial agent to Attend to the Same

3. to see if the town will Vote to rais an additional Sum of money for the repair of the highways in said town - Given under our hands & Seals this 20th Day of August 1814

Israel Lassell Selectmen of
Edmund Coffin Biddeford

Monday September 5th 1814 Meet agreeable to the foregoing warrant and acted on the Same as followeth

1. Voted Israel Lassel Esq. Moderator to regulate said Meeting

2. Choose Ruben H. Greene Esq. as a Committee & Spetial Agent to petition the Court of Sessions for to discontinue to road over Gooches Island in Biddeford or to alter the same so as to pafs over the Bridge by Coles store on to said Island

3. Voted to Rais $500 for the repair of highways

4. Voted adjourn this meeting to the 26 Instant at 4 O'clock P.M.

True Entry

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

To Benjamin Gordon one of the Constables of The Town of Biddeford Greeting
By general orders of the 12 Instant & Briggade Order of the 14th - You are hereby required In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn (by personal notification And by posting up notifications at two public Places in Said town) the freeholders And other inhabitants of said town quallified by law to Vote in town meetings to assemble at the upper meeting hous in Said town on monday the nineteenth day of the presant month at three of the Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following articles Viz.

1. to Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2. to see what method the town will Adapt for furnishing Arms & Equipments pouder & balls for deliquents Bed & Beef for such troops as may be called out For duty & any other matter or thing they may think propper to act upon

Given under our hands & Seals this 15th day Sept. 1814

Israel Lassell Selectmen of
Samuel Merrill Biddeford

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Biddeford Sept. 19th 1814 Pursuant to the within I have Notified the within named inhabitants by posting Up notifications at the two meeting houses in said Town & alfo notified the most of them by verbal Notice as within directed to meeteat the time & place for the purpose within Mentioned

Benjamin Gordon Constable

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Monday Sept. 19th 1814 Meet agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and Acted on the Same as follows Viz.

1. Made Choice of Israel Lassell Esq. Moderator to Regulate said Meeting

2. Voted to Choose a Committee of Safety to act with the Selectmen in case of Militia dutie

3. Voted said Committee consist of three
Voted Capt. Seth. Spring, Jeremiah Hill Esq. and Mr. Daniel Stone be said Committee

4. Voted that the Selectmen & Committee of Safety of the town Be requested forth with to precure all the munitions of War which each town in this Commonwealth are Required by law to furnish

5. Voted that the Selectmen & Committee of Safety are hereby authorised to procure & have in store Bread Beef & pork in a sufficient quantity for Supplying each Militia solger in this town who shall turn out on any emergancy for the defence of his Country with three days rations to be under the directions of some sutable persons appointed by the Selectmen & Committee of safety to deliver out the Same to such melitia men as may march for the purpose aforesaid on the requisition aforesaid of the proper oficer

6. that the said Selectmen & Committee be authorised to Engage horses & waggons to be redy at a moments Warning to transport such provisions camp equipage and utentials as may be necessary when required And also to appoint som sutable person to take the care of such horses Waggons provisions Camp Equipage & other Utentials

7. Voted that the Melitia of Biddeford when caled Into Actual service shall be furnished with one Bushel of potatoes & one pound of coffee to evry Six men per weeke in addition to the above Rations

8. Voted that the Selectmen & Said Committee Imediately cause such a part of the town stock of powder & balls to be made into cartriges as they think Necessary

8. Voted to desolve this Meeting

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Warrant March 6th 1815

To Benjamin Gordon one of the Constables of the town of Biddeford Greetings

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon & Notify the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Said town quallified by law to Vote In town meetings to Assemble at the lower Meeting hous in Said town on Monday the Sixth day of March Next at ten of the Clock in the fore noon to Act on the Following Articles Viz.

1. to Choos a Moderator to regulate Said Meeting

2. to Choos a town Clerk

3. to Choose Selectmen Assessors & all other town oficers Required by law

4. to See how Much money said town will Vote/raise to Defray the Expenses of the town the year Ensewing

5. to Choose an Agent for Said town to answer for and in Behalf of Said town at any Court in Said Commonwealth Wherein said town may be Interested

6. to See if Said town will Instruct their Selectmen to petition the next General Court to Change the name of Said town to that of Saco port

7. to see if the town will Vote to Seperate the Seventh & 8 School Districts Agreeable to a petition of John Tarbox & Others

8. to See if the town will Accept of the doings of the Selectmen in laying out & widning the crofs road Leading from Daniel Stones to the

road from Kings Corner to Bradburies Bridge and also to See if the town will Discontinue the old town road which leads From the above road to the aforesaid Bridge agreeable to a petition of Seth Storer Jur. & others

9. to See if the town will instruct the Moderator of Said Meeting to let out the town thachbeds in winter harbour Pool to the highest bidder for the year Ensewing

Given under our hands & Seals this 24th of February 1815

Israel Lafsell
Samuel Merrill
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4. Voted to give the Treasurer $7 for his Survises for the year Ensewing

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road from Kings Corner to Bradburies Bridge and also to See if the town will Discontinue the old town road which leads From the above road to the aforesaid Bridge agreeable to a petition of Seth Storer Jur. & others

9. to See if the town will instruct the Moderator of Said Meeting to let out the town thachbeds in winter harbour Pool to the highest bidder for the year Ensewing

Given under our hands & Seals this 24th of February 1815

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Fence Viewers & fielddrivers

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Robert Rumery
Daniel S. Hooper
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Jere Cole
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Tything Men

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George M. Bickford
Seth Stone Esq.
Capt. Lewis Young
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Joseph Tarbox
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Thomas Smith
Joseph Thomas
Aaron Cutter
John Staples 3d
Nathl. Emery
Samuel Worth
Joseph Wadlin
Wm. Murch
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Sealers of Leather

Israel Pinkham
Benjamin Smith
Jordan Smith
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Fire Wards

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True Entry

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Biddeford March 4th 1815

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1. Vote that the petitioners of the 7th School District have Liberty to with draw their petition

2. Voted that the Surveyors of highways for the last year have Liberty to call on thos delinquents to work out the defitiency of ther tax on or before the first of July next

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1. to Choose a Moderator to regulate Said meeting

2. to See if the town will agrea to discontinue that part of the Crofs road at the head of the town from the Barn of Joseph & Jeremiah Wadlins (formerly William Wadlins) To Gordons Brook so far as said Road is in the said town of Biddeford to meete the end of said road which was discontinued In March 1814 agreeable to the request of more than ten Freeholders

3. To See if the town will allow the inhabitants of Said town Living on Gooch Island in said town to work out their Highway tax on their privet Road on said Island And the owners of the Mills on said Island to work out Such part of their highway tax on Said Island as the Mill property pays in their highway tax As the Assessors in said town Shall Judge reasonable & Right

4. See if said town will take Capt. James Murch from the Fifth School District & anex him to the 4th School District in Said town

5. to See if the town will Seperate the third School Dist In Said town so as to exist as they formerly did inserted Agreeable to a request of more then ten freeholders in Said town.

Biddeford March 24th 1815

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True Entry

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Biddeford March 30th 1815

Pursuant to the Within Warrant to me Directed I have Summoned & Notified the within Inhabitants to Appear at the time & place within Mentioned by posting up Notification here of According to law at the lower Meeting hous in said Town & at the Store of William P. Hooper in the afore said Town

Edmund Coffin Constable

April 3d 1815 Meet in town Meeting agreeable to the foregoing Warrant acted on the same as followeth Viz.

1. Made Choice of Nathaniel Goodwin Esq. to regulate Said Meeting

2. Voted to not Discontinue the road from said Wadlins to Gordons brook

3. Voted that the Afsessors of said town order such part of the Mills on gooch Islan portion of highway tax to be worked out on their privet Road acrofs said Island to gether with the tax of the Inhabitants that lives on Said Island

4. Voted to Set of Capt. James Murch to Falls School District

5. Voted that the 3d School District Exist as they formerly Did

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Representative Meeting May 9th 1815

Pursuant to a Law of this Commonwealth the Freeholders Were Legaly Afsembled in town Meeting agreeable to Warrant On file for the purpose of Choosing one or More Representatives to represent them in the general Court appointed to be convened & holden at Boston on the last wednesday of May- - - - May 9th 1815 Meet Agreeable to the Warrant and Made Choice of Major Samuel Merrill And Ruben N. Greene Esq. For their Representatives To Represend them the Current Year

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3. to See whither the town will petition the next Court of Sessions to Streighten the road from the western free Bridge to Kings Corner

4. to Act on any other business that may come before Said Meeting

Given under our hands & Seals this twenty Second day of July 1815

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Jere Hill
Moses Bradbury
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True Entry

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

August 28th 1815 Pursuant to the within to me Directed I have Summoned & Notified the within Named Inhabitants of the town of Biddeford to appear at the time & place & For the purpose within mentioned by posting up Notifications here of at the upper & lower Meetings houses in Said town

Edmund Coffin Constable

Biddeford August 28th 1815 Meet greeable to the foregoing Warrant & proceded as follows

1. Made Choice of Israel Buker for Moderator

2. Made Choice of Israel Buker for Clerk Protem

3. Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Mondy the 4 of Sept. Next to Four O'clock in the afternoon

True Entry

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Monday Sept. 4th 1815 Meet agreeable to Adjournmet &

1. Choose Major Samuel Merrill Moderator

2. Voted Not Expedient to petition the Court of Session to Streighton the road agreable to Second article in the warrant

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4. Voted not Expidient to act on the third article of the warrant

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6. Voted to Desolve the Meeting

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

October 3d 1815

Agreeable to the anexed Votes on the above we the Subscribers have attended to the Servis assigned us & in order to widen Said road begun two rods & fifteen links South W. from said Mr. Turners dwelling House thence running North 76 West over said Mr. Turners land 15 rods to daniel Fofs land thence the same Cours 8 Rods over said Fofs land to Cor Thomas Cutts land & thence the Same cours over Said Cutts land 43 rods & ten Links to a Stake In the fence near Mr. Thachers Lower Barn

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True Entry

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Given under our hands at Said Biddeford this first day of November A. D. 1815

William Googins
Daniel Stone

Record of Dead Seth Storer Jur. Esq.

Known all Men by these presence that I Seth Storer Jur. of Biddeford in the County of York Esquire in concideration of twenty dollars paid me by Seth Storer of Saco in Said County Merchant the receipt where of I do hereby acknowledge do hereby remise release bargin sell and convey and ferever quit clame unto the Said Seth Storer & to his heirs & assigns forever all right title & intres in and to a certain Pew in the Meeting house of the Second Religious Society in Biddeford Said pew is Situated in the South East corner of Said house and the Same as Conveyed by Ebenezer Hill to me reference is to be had to Said deed for a more particular Discription In Witnefs Where of I the said Seth Storer Jur. have hereunto set my hand & Seal this twenty Eighth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & fifteen
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In presence of

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Extracts from Town Records 1815 - 1816

York ff December 28th 1815 Personaly appeared the above Seth Storer Jur. and acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act & deed Before me

Ruben N. Greene
Justice of the peace

Biddeford December 29th 1815

True Entry
Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Known all men by thes presence that I Asa Clark of Biddeford in the County of York & Commonwealth of Mafsechusetts Blockmaker and a Collector of taxes For the Second Religious Society in Said Biddeford For the year 1816 in Concideration of the Sum of Five Dollars paid Israel & James Pinkham of Said Biddeford Cordwinders the receipt where of I do hereby Acknowledge do hereby give grant bargin Sell and convey unto the Said Israel & James their Heirs & afsigns ferever one pew in the Meeting hous of Said Second religious Society in Biddeford Being No. 19 and formerly owned Edmund Perkins Joseph Dearbon to have & to hold the afore granted And bargined premises to them the Said Israel & James and their afsigns to them & their own us and Behoof forever & I do Covenant with the Said Israel And James that the aforesaid pew was taxed in a bill Committed to me to Collect to said Edmund & Joseph that I duly posted up Notice of Said afsesment in the porch of said Meeting hous & that the owner of Said pew neglecting to pay Said tax afsessed on Said pew for More than thirty days after Such Notice that I heav posted up notifications for the Sale of Said pew in the porch of Said Meeting hous more then fifteen Days before the time of Sale & that at the time & place of Sale mentioned in Said notice I Struck of Said pew to Said Israel & James Pinkham at public auttion they being the highest bidder there for the aforesaid Sum of five Dollars & I also Covenant With the Said Israel & James Pinkham that I was duly Elected quallified & Sworn as a Collector aforesaid And that I have good right as a Collector as aforesaid to Sell & Convey Said pew In Witnefs where of I have here unto Set my hand & Seal this twenty Eighth day of September Eighteen hundred & Sixteen

Signed Sealed & Delivered
In presence of us

Asa Clark Collector

Daniel Goodwin
Amos Goodwin

York ff December 28th 1815 Personaly appeared the above Seth Storer Jur. and acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act & deed Before me

Ruben N. Greene
Justice of the peace

Biddeford December 29th 1815

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Nathaniel Goodwin
Justice Peace

Biddeford October 12th 1816

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Biddeford 7 Month 1819

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Enoch P. Parsons

of Parsons Field True Entry

Attest Edmund Coffin Town Clerk

Biddeford August 15th 1820

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Isaac Bickford

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Biddeford March 5th 1804

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